

must wait until a possible Beijing summit next year before the American people get what they desire—trade, human rights, and national security progress—the failure of the summit will not be lost on the Congress or the American people.

Nonaction represents an opportunity cost, Mr. President. My question to President Clinton is this, "What price would you have the people of the United States and China pay for this week's headlines?"

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise to join my colleagues Senator MACK and Senator NICKLES in cosponsoring Senate Concurrent Resolution 57.

This resolution concerns the imminent state visit of President Jiang Zemin of the People's Republic of China and his summit meeting with President Clinton. It expresses the sense of the Senate that that meeting should address critical human rights and national security issues.

Mr. President, I have come to the floor several times in recent days to express my belief that it would be inappropriate and counterproductive for our President to welcome the Chinese Communist leader at a state visit without insisting on significant progress on the part of the Chinese Government in areas of great concern to our country.

The ceremonial niceties and diplomatic prestige of a state visit in my opinion may, particularly if unaccompanied by substantive action, give the unfortunate impression that the United States approves of the numerous human rights abuses and instances of weapons proliferation undertaken by the current Chinese Government. I joined with Senator FEINGOLD and Senator HELMS in sponsoring a resolution calling on the administration to make this a working rather than a state visit so that the administration might work on the many issues of concern to both our countries without providing undue legitimacy to current Chinese practice.

Let there be no mistake, Mr. President. China is an important player on the world scene. We cannot and should not attempt to avoid dealings with this nation of a billion people. That is why I supported maintaining most favored nation trading status with China. In my view it is critical that we remain engaged with the people of China through greater trade, private investment and openness. But I also am convinced that this administration must do more to add substance to our relationship with the Chinese Government.

Twenty-one gun salutes and red carpets, both used to welcome President Jiang on his landing in Hawaii, are inappropriate, given our serious disagreements on critical issues affecting American national security, human rights, and international peace and stability.

Amidst the champagne toasts of a state visit, we cannot ignore Chinese sales of weapons of mass destruction and nuclear technology to countries like Iran, Iraq, and Pakistan.

We cannot ignore Chinese Government restrictions on the ability of Christians, Buddhists, Muslims, and others to practice their religions outside of state-controlled organizations and the common practice of detaining worshipers and clergy who practice their religion through their own organizations.

We cannot ignore the People's Republic of China's massive, routine, and systematic human rights abuses in Tibet, including arbitrary arrest, torture and even death for those who seek to peacefully practice their religion and/or work for expanded political and human rights.

We cannot ignore the Chinese Government's routine, systematic, and massive program of coercive family planning practices, including forced abortion, forced sterilization and even infanticide.

We must forcefully raise these issues with President Jiang. We must insist that they be addressed, and that progress be made toward greater respect for human rights and the requirements of international peace and stability.

Toward that end, Mr. President, I believe it is crucial that this be made a substantive, rather than merely a ceremonial visit. That is why I am happy to join Senator MACK and Senator NICKLES in introducing this Sense-of-the-Senate Resolution, outlining a concrete agenda for the Jiang-Clinton summit.

Specifically, this resolution declares that it is the policy of the United States to uphold the Taiwan Relations Act, and insist that President Clinton fully implement that important agreement. This act provides the framework for strong economic and security relations between the United States and the democratic Government of Taiwan. Full implementation will protect an important ally and show our commitment to freedom in the Asian-Pacific region.

Further, this resolution declares our policy to encourage freedom and democracy in the People's Republic of China and to deter the Government of that country from engaging in activities contrary to the national security interests of the United States, and the peace and security of the Asian Pacific region.

The resolution encourages the Chinese Government to take concrete steps to assure freedom of speech, freedom of religion and freedom of association in compliance with international standards of human rights. It also declares that United States policy should encourage the Government of the People's Republic of China to channel its emerging power and prestige along paths conducive to peace, stability and development in the Asian Pacific region.

Mr. President, this resolution is intended to move President Clinton to communicate this country's resolve to defend freedom, democracy, and inter-

national stability, as well as our commitment to encouraging the People's Republic of China to integrate itself peacefully into the community of nations.

It also calls on President Clinton to make a number of specific demands, including:

First, that the Chinese Government dismantle tariff and nontariff barriers to American exports to China and stop its export to the United States of products made with prison labor;

Second, that the Chinese Government cease persecuting Chinese Christians, as well as members of other religious faiths, and release all persons incarcerated for their religious or other human rights related activities, in particular Wei Jeng Sheng and Wang Dan.

Third, that it end its coercive population control practices, including its practice of forced abortion, forced sterilization, and infanticide;

Fourth, that the Chinese Government stop its activities leading to proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and advanced ballistic missile technology, and

Fifth, that the Chinese Government stop its evasion of United States export control and other laws.

Mr. President, by making these demands on the Chinese regime, the President would put in place the structure needed for a coherent China policy; a policy aimed at protecting our national interests and improving human rights conditions in China. I firmly believe that it is America's duty as well as our interest to make the extra effort necessary to improve overall human rights conditions in China and to integrate her into the community of nations. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution and I call on the President to demand that the Chinese Government bring itself into compliance with international standards of human rights and put itself on the side of international peace and stability.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 61

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 61, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to extend eligibility for veterans' burial benefits, funeral benefits, and related benefits for veterans of certain service in the United States merchant marine during World War II.

S. 263

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 263, a bill to prohibit the import, export, sale, purchase, possession, transportation, acquisition, and receipt of bear viscera or products that contain or claim to contain bear viscera, and for other purposes.

S. 318

At the request of Mr. D'AMATO, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr.

DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 318, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to require automatic cancellation and notice of cancellation rights with respect to private mortgage insurance which is required by a creditor as a condition for entering into a residential mortgage transaction, and for other purposes.

S. 358

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. HUTCHINSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 358, a bill to provide for compassionate payments with regard to individuals with blood-clotting disorders, such as hemophilia, who contracted human immunodeficiency virus due to contaminated blood products, and for other purposes.

S. 567

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 567, a bill to permit revocation by members of the clergy of their exemption from social security coverage.

S. 755

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 755, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to restore the provisions of chapter 76 of that title (relating to missing persons) as in effect before the amendments made by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997 and to make other improvements to that chapter.

S. 850

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. GREGG] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] were added as cosponsors of S. 850, a bill to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to make it unlawful for any stockyard owner, market agency, or dealer to transfer or market non-ambulatory livestock, and for other purposes.

S. 943

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. TORRICELLI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 943, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the application of the Act popularly known as the "Death on the High Seas Act" to aviation accidents.

S. 995

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 995, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain interstate conduct relating to exotic animals.

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 995, *supra*.

S. 1051

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. THOMAS] was added as a cosponsor

of S. 1051, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to enhance protections against unauthorized changes of telephone service subscribers from one telecommunications carrier to another, and for other purposes.

S. 1096

At the request of Mr. KERREY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1096, a bill to restructure the Internal Revenue Service, and for other purposes.

S. 1166

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. GRAMS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1166, a bill to prevent Federal agencies from pursuing policies of unjustifiable nonacquiescence in, and re-litigation of, precedents established in the Federal judicial circuits.

S. 1173

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1173, a bill to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1180

At the request of Mr. KEMPTHORNE, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. FAIRCLOTH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1180, a bill to reauthorize the Endangered Species Act.

S. 1252

At the request of Mr. D'AMATO, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1252, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the amount of low-income housing credits which may be allocated in each State, and to index such amount for inflation.

S. 1283

At the request of Mr. BUMPERS, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD], the Senator from New York [Mr. MOYNIHAN], and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. BRYAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1283, a bill to award Congressional gold medals to Jean Brown Trickey, Carlotta Walls LaNier, Melba Patillo Beals, Terrence Roberts, Gloria Ray Karlmark, Thelma Mothershed Wair, Ernest Green, Elizabeth Eckford, and Jefferson Thomas, commonly referred collectively as the "Little Rock Nine" on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the integration of the Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas.

S. 1311

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1311, a bill to impose certain sanctions on foreign persons who transfer items contributing to Iran's efforts to acquire, develop, or produce ballistic missiles.

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. DASCHLE], the Senator from

North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL], and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SMITH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1311, *supra*.

S. 1320

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1320, a bill to provide a scientific basis for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to assess the nature of the association between illnesses and exposure to toxic agents and environmental or other wartime hazards as a result of service in the Persian Gulf during the Persian Gulf War for purposes of determining a service connection relating to such illnesses, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 52

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. HELMS], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT], and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 52, a concurrent resolution relating to maintaining the current standard behind the "Made in USA" label, in order to protect consumers and jobs in the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 94

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. TORRICELLI] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 94, a resolution commending the American Medical Association on its 150th anniversary, its 150 years of caring for the United States, and its continuing effort to uphold the principles upon which Nathan Davis, M.D. and his colleagues founded the American Medical Association to "promote the science and art of medicine and the betterment of public health".

SENATE RESOLUTION 140

At the request of Mr. HELMS, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 140, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate in support of the President's action to eliminate discriminatory trade practices by Japan relating to international shipping.

NOTICE OF HEARINGS

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, will hold hearings entitled "Oversight Review of the Treasury Department's Inspector General."

These hearings will take place on Friday, October 31 and Monday, November 3, 1997, at 9:30 a.m. on both days, in room 342 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. For further information, please contact Timothy J. Shea of the subcommittee staff at 224-3721.