

community. Recently there were public threats against the lives of two of Kosovo's most respected journalists, Veton Surroi and Baton Haxhiu, editors of the newspaper "Koha Ditore."

On my trip to Kosovo eight weeks ago, I met with Mr. Surroi. He had already spoken out against violence against Kosovo's Serbs and was already receiving private threats as a result. Mr. Surroi is a worldly, courageous democrat—exactly the sort of person that Kosovo needs to achieve genuine democracy.

During the same trip, I also met with Hashim Thaqi, political leader of the Kosovo Liberation Army. I told Mr. Thaqi that he and his forces would have to submit unconditionally to civilian authority and respect the rights of all political parties, ethnic groups, and individuals in Kosovo.

With this as background, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that an open letter published in *Kosova Sot* on October 29, 1999 by James R. Hooper, President of the Balkan Action Council, to Mr. Thaqi appear in the RECORD after my remarks.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. (See exhibit 1.)

Mr. Hooper, incidentally, testified before the Foreign Relations Committee earlier this year and is considered to be one of this country's most knowledgeable experts on the Balkans.

Mr. President, those of us in the Congress who supported the legitimate rights of the people of Kosovo to escape the brutality of Slobodan Milosevic will not stand idly by and watch a Serbian tyrannical master be replaced by an ethnic Albanian one.

As Mr. Hooper's eloquent letter makes clear, Mr. Thaqi and the other leaders of the Kosovo Liberation Army must immediately and forcefully speak out against the thuggery that is afflicting the province and take measures to eradicate it.

Mr. President, if they do not, they will lose the support of the international community. And without that support, they themselves have no political future.

I thank the Chair and yield the floor.

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OPEN LETTER TO HASHIM THAQI: I am deeply troubled by the public threats against Veton Surroi and Baton Haxhiu of *Koha Ditore* that recently appeared in *Kosovapress*, the media organ associated with your organization. Surroi and Haxhiu are viewed in the United States and Europe as two of the most prominent supporters of democracy and free speech in Kosovo. If they are at risk, it means that Kosovo's hopes for democracy and free speech are jeopardized as well.

Your unwillingness to immediately condemn such extreme attacks on two outstanding representatives of Kosovo's civil society suggests that you hold a vision of Kosovo's political future in which those who democratically express differences of opinion will not be tolerated, and dissent will be harshly disciplined.

This in turn projects to your fellow citizens an anti-democratic attitude that is in-

tolerable. And it conveys the impression to the international community that you and some of your former KLA colleagues maintain a hidden agenda for Kosovo that is far from democratic.

I want to make one thing absolutely clear: I am convinced there will be no support among Kosovo's friends around the world, including me, for the replacement of a Serbian dictatorship by an ethnic Albanian copy. If Kosovo's future is not to be democratic, then it will not likely be independent either. Independence must be earned in the democratic political arena as well as on the battlefield. Support among the American people and their elected representatives and government for the people of Kosovo would disappear rapidly if Kosovo moved in non-democratic directions.

Unfortunately, the actions of some who support you, and your own apparent indifference and inaction in the face of the killing of Kosovo citizens, are already jeopardizing the continuation of that support. The pattern of violence against Kosovo Serbs appears to reflect in part an organized effort by some in the former KLA to expel all Serbs from Kosovo. The murder of elderly Serbs and unarmed villagers evokes an atmosphere of terror in which innocent minorities are brutalized by those with the power to dispense victor's "justice."

A Kosovo in which the rights of non-Albanian minorities are routinely violated is not likely to prove respectful of Albanians whose views do not fit those of the prevailing forces. After all, this is the model Belgrade used for over ten years. A mono-ethnic Kosovo forcibly cleansed of its minorities through violence is unlikely to be a democratic Kosovo.

While you have spoken out against the killings of ethnic Serbs in the past, you have taken few serious steps to rein in those who are organizing the violence. I strongly urge you to take determined action to remove suspicions that you condone the violence against Kosovo's non-Albanian minorities and to condemn the threats to Veton Surroi and Baton Haxhiu.

JAMES HOOPER,
*Executive Director,
Balkan Action Council.*

OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I am not going to ask for a recorded vote against S. 688, the re-authorization of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation. But I want to make it clear that I am not stepping back from my philosophies on this issue.

During my campaign for the United States Senate, I stressed the themes of balancing the budget, congressional reform, making government smaller, and moving the power out of Washington and into the states and localities. That is why I introduced the "Overseas Private Investment Corporation Termination Act."

I still feel it is time to end this form of subsidies for large companies. I have never believed in giveaway programs. Whether you are a farmer or a large corporation you should play by the rules of the free market system. Less government should be in the motto of this and every Congress.

OPIC may seem to have a good end goal but the problem is not the end but

the means. Basically this is an insurance program run by the Federal Government for corporations who want to invest in risky political situations. This leads to the question, "Is this the appropriate role for government?" I don't believe so. But I also understand that the time is not yet ripe for ending this program.

I have met with the President of OPIC, George Munoz. He and I have agreed that our problem is not a conflict of interest, not different goals, and not a lack of proper communication. We merely have a fundamental philosophical difference. I believe free trade means free trade, not "more free than others."

I am a free trader. I am a supporter of the GATT and NAFTA. I believe that free trade is the best way to raise the living standards for all Americans. We need to support policies that reduce trade barriers. OPIC does not reduce trade barriers for all companies to compete in the marketplace. It is an income transfer program from U.S. taxpayers to a selected group of businesses. These subsidies may increase exports for a few selected companies that have the political influence to secure these loans, but it does little to expand the overall economic growth of this country.

OPIC's re-authorization will soon pass this Senate, but I wish it to be known that I still recommend its termination. I continue to worry that the majority of my colleagues will not fully understand the detrimental potentialities of this organization until the American taxpayer is stuck with a tremendous bill.

COSPONSORSHIP OF AMENDMENT

Mr. ROBB. Mr. President, on October 20, 1999, during debate over S. 1692, the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act, I had asked to be added as a cosponsor of Senate amendment 2319, offered by Senator DURBIN. Unfortunately, my cosponsorship of this amendment was never reflected in the RECORD. Therefore, I ask unanimous consent that my name be added as a cosponsor of Senator DURBIN's amendment, and that the RECORD reflect that I was a cosponsor of this amendment when it was offered on October 20, 1999.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Monday, November 1, 1999, the Federal debt stood at \$5,664,867,046,795.77 (Five trillion, six hundred sixty-four billion, eight hundred sixty-seven million, forty-six thousand, seven hundred ninety-five dollars and seventy-seven cents).

Five years ago, November 1, 1994, the Federal debt stood at \$4,728,710,000,000 (Four trillion, seven hundred twenty-eight billion, seven hundred ten million).

Ten years ago, November 1, 1989, the Federal debt stood at \$2,879,489,000,000

(Two trillion, eight hundred seventy-nine billion, four hundred eighty-nine million).

Fifteen years ago, November 1, 1984, the Federal debt stood at \$1,624,438,000,000 (One trillion, six hundred twenty-four billion, four hundred thirty-eight million).

Twenty-five years ago, November 1, 1974, the Federal debt stood at \$479,476,000,000 (Four hundred seventy-nine billion, four hundred seventy-six million) which reflects a debt increase of more than \$5 trillion—\$5,185,391,046,795.77 (Five trillion, one hundred eighty-five billion, three hundred ninety-one million, forty-six thousand, seven hundred ninety-five dollars and seventy-seven cents) during the past 25 years.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 10:43 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Berry, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2303. An act to direct the Librarian of Congress to prepare the history of the House of Representatives, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

At 11:50 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 974) to establish a program to afford high school graduates from the District of Columbia the benefits of in-State tuition at State colleges and universities outside the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 348. An act to authorize the construction of a monument to honor those who have served the Nation's civil defense and emergency management programs.

H.R. 862. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to implement the provisions of the Agreement conveying title to a Distribution System from the United States to the Clear Creek Community Services District.

H.R. 992. An act to convey the Sly Park Dam and Reservoir to the El Dorado Irrigation District, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1235. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the Solano County Water Agency, California, to use Solano Project facilities for impounding, storage, and carriage of non-project water for domestic, municipal, industrial, and other beneficial purposes.

H.R. 2632. An act to designate certain Federal lands in the Talladega National Forest in the State of Alabama as the Dugger Mountain Wilderness.

H.R. 2737. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Illinois certain Federal land associated with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to be used as an historic and interpretive site along the trail.

H.R. 2889. An act to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to provide for acquisition of water and water rights for Central Utah Project purposes, completion of Central Utah project facilities, and implementation of water conservation measures.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 189. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the wasteful and unsportsmanlike practice known as shark finning.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 5:34 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Berry, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3064. An act making appropriations for the District of Columbia, and for the Departments of Labor, Health, and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 1883. An act to provide the application of measures to foreign persons who transfer to Iran certain goods, services, or technology, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-5980. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendment, Revises Outdated Terminology, Removes Outdated Provisions, and Makes Other Minor Changes for Clarity and Consistency", received October 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5981. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on direct spending or receipts legislation dated October 27, 1999; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-5982. A communication from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Establishing an Entitlement to Reimburse Rental Car Costs to Military Members"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5983. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Revisions to Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements", received October 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5984. A communication from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its commercial activities inventory; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5985. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its commercial activities inventory; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5986. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Turkey; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5987. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Turkey; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5988. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to the Republic of Korea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5989. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Canada; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5990. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5991. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$14,000,000 or more to Finland; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5992. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of a proposed transfer of major defense equipment valued (in terms of its original acquisition cost) at \$14,000,000 or more to the United Kingdom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5993. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with the Czech Republic and Canada; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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