

HUTCHISON, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CARNAHAN, Mrs. CLINTON, and Ms. STABENOW) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 229

Whereas on October 24, 2001, the Senate approved amendment No. 1941 to H.R. 2506 of the One Hundred Seventh Congress expressing the sense of the Senate that suicide bombings are a horrific form of terrorism that must be universally condemned as terrorist acts;

Whereas it has been reported that an influential High Islamic Council has issued an edict that women should join men as suicide bombers;

Whereas the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, a radical offshoot of the Fatah movement, has announced that it has created a special unit for women suicide bombers;

Whereas incidents, including a February 27, 2002, suicide bombing that injured 3 people and a January 27, 2002, suicide bombing that killed 1 person and injured an estimated 150 more, show an alarming trend in the use of women to carry out attacks terrorist against Israel;

Whereas troubling statements have been made suggesting that the involvement of women in carrying out suicide bombings will result in women achieving equal rights with men;

Whereas women throughout the world bravely serve in militaries that act in accordance with international law and custom; and

Whereas the involvement of women in carrying out suicide bombings is contrary to the important role women must play in conflict prevention and resolution: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) reaffirms the condemnation of all suicide bombings as terrorist acts, made by the Senate in Senate amendment No. 1941 to H.R. 2506 of the One Hundred Seventh Congress on October 24, 2001;

(2) deplores those acts as contrary to the values and ideals of people everywhere; and

(3) calls on women of the world not to emulate a self-destructive, brutal, and murderous crime.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 20, 2002, at 10 a.m. to conduct an oversight hearing on "Accounting and Investor Protection Issues Raised by Enron and Other Public Companies."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Wednesday, March 20, 2002, at 9:30 a.m. on competition in the local telecommunications marketplace.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet on Wednesday, March 20, 2002 at 9:30 a.m. to conduct a hearing to receive testimony on legislative initiatives that would impose limits on the shipments of out-of-State municipal solid waste and authorize State and local governments to exercise flow control. The hearing will be held in SD-406.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 20, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. to consider the nomination of Randal K. Quarles to be Assistant Secretary for International Affairs of the U.S. Department of Treasury.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 20, 2002, at 2:00 p.m., for a joint hearing with the House of Representatives' Committee on Veterans Affairs, to hear the legislative presentations of American Ex-Prisoners of War, the Vietnam Veterans of America, the Retired Officers Association, the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, and AMVETS. The hearing will take place in room 345 of the Cannon House Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 20, 2002 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Personnel of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 20, 2002, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to receive testimony on recruiting and retention in the military services in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2003.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Strategic of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the

Senate on Wednesday, March 20, 2002, at 2:30 p.m., in open session to receive testimony on national security space programs and strategic programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2003.

Witnesses

Panel 1: The Honorable E. C. "Pete" Aldridge, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; the Honorable Peter B. Teets, Under Secretary of the Air Force and Director, National Reconnaissance Office; and General Ralph E. Eberhart, USAF, Commander in Chief, United States Space Command.

Panel 2: Admiral James O. Ellis, Jr., USN, Commander in Chief, United States Strategic Command; Major General Franklin J. Blaisdell, USAF, Director, Nuclear and Counterproliferation, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Air and Space Operations, United States Air Force; and Rear Admiral Dennis M. Dwyer, USN, Director, Strategic Systems Programs, United States Navy.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Neil Naraine, a fellow in my office, be granted the privilege of the floor for the remainder of the debate on the energy bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION DISCHARGED AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session and that the Environment and Public Works Committee be discharged from further consideration of the nomination of J. Paul Gilman, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and that the nomination be placed on the Executive Calendar.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the following nominations: Calendar Nos. 730 through 736, and the nominations on the Secretary's desk under Foreign Service; that the nominations be confirmed; that the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table; that any statements relating to the nominations be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate return to legislative session without any intervening action or debate.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

James W. Pardew, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Bulgaria.

Richard Monroe Miles, of South Carolina, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Georgia.

Peter Terpeluk, Jr., of Pennsylvania to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Luxembourg.

Lawrence E. Butler, of Maine, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Robert Patrick John Finn, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Afghanistan.

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

Robert B. Holland, III, of Texas, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank For Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years.

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Emmy B. Simmons, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development. (New Position)

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

FOREIGN SERVICE

PN1310 Foreign Service nominations (3) beginning Jeffrey Davidow, and ending George E. Moose, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 20, 2001.

PN1311 Foreign Service nominations (95) beginning Gustavo Alberto Mejia, and ending Joseph E. Zadrozny, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 20, 2001.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now return to legislative session.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 2804

Mr. REID. Mr. President, it is my understanding that H.R. 2804, which was just received from the House, is at the desk. I ask for its first reading.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2804) to designate the United States courthouse located at 95 Seventh Street in San Francisco, California, as James R. Browning United States Courthouse.

Mr. REID. I now ask for its second reading and object to my own request.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard.

EXTENDING PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS OF TERRORIST ATTACKS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to H.R. 3986.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3986) to extend the period of availability of unemployment assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act in the case of victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read three times and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements related thereto be printed in the RECORD.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 3986) was read the third time and passed.

CONDEMNING INVOLVEMENT OF WOMEN IN SUICIDE BOMBINGS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to S. Res. 229, submitted earlier by Senator BOXER and others.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 229) condemning the involvement of women in suicide bombings.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 229) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The text of the resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Statements on Submitted Resolutions.")

URGING FAIR ELECTION PROCESS IN UKRAINE

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to Calendar No. 328, S. Res. 205.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 205) urging the Government of Ukraine to ensure a democratic, transparent, and fair election process leading up to the March 31, 2002 parliamentary elections.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 205) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 205

Whereas Ukraine stands at a critical point in its development to a fully democratic society, and the parliamentary elections on March 31, 2002, its third parliamentary elections since becoming independent more than 10 years ago, will play a significant role in demonstrating whether Ukraine continues to proceed on the path to democracy or experiences further setbacks in its democratic development;

Whereas the Government of Ukraine can demonstrate its commitment to democracy by conducting a genuinely free and fair parliamentary election process, in which all candidates have access to news outlets in the print, radio, television, and Internet media, and nationally televised debates are held, thus enabling the various political parties and election blocs to compete on a level playing field and the voters to acquire objective information about the candidates;

Whereas a flawed election process, which contravenes commitments of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) on democracy and the conduct of elections, could potentially slow Ukraine's efforts to integrate into western institutions;

Whereas in recent years, government corruption and harassment of the media have raised concerns about the commitment of the Government of Ukraine to democracy, human rights, and the rule of law, while calling into question the ability of that government to conduct free and fair elections;

Whereas Ukraine, since its independence in 1991, has been one of the largest recipients of United States foreign assistance;

Whereas \$154,000,000 in technical assistance to Ukraine was provided under Public Law 107-115 (the Kenneth M. Ludden Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 2002), a \$16,000,000 reduction in funding from the previous fiscal year due to concerns about continuing setbacks to needed reform and the unresolved deaths of prominent dissidents and journalists;

Whereas Public Law 107-115 requires a report by the Department of State on the progress by the Government of Ukraine in investigating and bringing to justice individuals responsible for the murders of Ukrainian journalists;

Whereas the disappearance and murder of journalist Heorhiy Gongadze on September 16, 2000, remains unresolved;

Whereas the presidential election of 1999, according to the final report of the Office of Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) of OSCE on that election, was marred by violations of Ukrainian election