

to rest public concern about the safety, environmental, and proliferation concerns associated with nuclear power. Over the long-term fusion may be the key to the world's energy needs. Therefore, we must cooperate more on fusion research.

We should also cooperate in the embryonic nanotechnology industry.

We have the opportunity to perform joint cutting-edge research in medical technology and treatments. The Department of Energy and Institutes such as MINATOM can collaborate on breakthrough technologies such as radiopharmaceuticals and advanced medical diagnostic and treatment equipment. We can also encourage research on devastating chronic illnesses such as cardiovascular disease and diabetes between the U.S. National Institutes of Health and appropriate Russian Research institutes. Our cooperation would include a more extensive exchange of physicians and scientists.

Scientists would also cooperate in Space and Aeronautics on projects like space solar power, propulsion technology and weather satellites. They would also expand cooperation on marine science research and on developing Russian technologies for environmental protection and remediation.

I would like to see creation of a fund from Russian foreign debt transferal that would be the economic engine for many of these initiatives. For example, commercial success in technology could lead to repayment of loans or grants from the fund. Such repayments could then be the basis for new investments in these programs.

Of course there are many other ways in which we should become partners. I propose to also include cultural and educational development, improvement of the Russian judicial and legal systems in order to firmly establish the "rule of law," as well as assistance to local Russian governments so that they can provide necessary services to the public and also encourage democracy at the grass roots level.

This is a very ambitious agenda that I propose. I put it forward because I happen to believe that there is no limit to what we can achieve in our partnership. After all, it is a new time. And new times call for new beginnings.

Much has happened in the one hundred years since the birth of Igor Kurchatov. The vast scientific and technical complex that is his legacy has done much to advance knowledge and technology. It will do much more if we set our minds to it.

Before leaving Washington to travel to Russia and Kurchatov, I sought the personal feelings and thoughts of another great leader in the world of nuclear physics—a man who met Igor Kurchatov and professionally respected the work of this great man. Born in the same decade as Igor Kurchatov, Edward Teller was a key architect of the early nuclear work of the United States. Now in his 90's, living in California, Edward Teller wanted me to relay his personal feeling on this great occasion.

He said, "like Igor Kurchatov, I long for peace far more than I oppose war." He went on to say that "cooperation between scientists is the most important aspect of the United States and Russia working together—it is a splendid foundation for future progress when former adversaries work together."

One hundred years after the birth of two men who devoted their lives to nuclear research and whose lives and thoughts were focused on peace while their countries used their work for security—it is appropriate that we look to move to a new level of cooperation in nuclear science that forges a 21st century U.S./Russian alliance that builds on and rededicates our two great na-

tions to the peaceful use of nuclear energy for the improvement of the quality of life for all human beings on the face of the Earth.

I propose that we create the Kurchatov-Teller Alliance for Peace that brings together in a formal way Kurchatov Institute and the labs of the Ministry of Atomic Energy with Lawrence Livermore Laboratory (Teller's base of operation today) with Oak Ridge, Argonne, Los Alamos and the labs of our Department of Energy for the specific purpose of enhancing the use of nuclear power worldwide while controlling proliferation. Projects like Thorium Power (that offer so much promise in stopping weapons production and eliminating environmental problems) and cutting edge research by scientists in both nations can be brought together within one new bi-lateral entity that truly moves us into a "New Time and New Beginning."

We are still at the beginning of the 21st Century. Much as Kurchatov set out to do in the last century, we have the opportunity to solve the problems and challenges of the next 100 years. The scientists and engineers of our countries—together with the businessmen and entrepreneurs in both countries—could solve nagging problems of safe, environmentally friendly, and plentiful energy sources. They can solve difficult and complicated medical issues and use science to increase agricultural production. We have an almost limitless horizon before us.

Our task ahead is daunting—some might say impossible. But I am the eternal optimist—perhaps born out of being the youngest of nine children in a poor family. My parents never completed high school, yet they were the smartest people that I have ever met—they had common sense and moral decency.

My father, who only went to the 8th grade, gave me some advice as a youngster that is just as fitting to our challenge. He said in life you can accomplish almost anything that you can dream. He used to say "Your only limitations in life will be those that you self-impose." And that applies to us today.

Together, following in the footsteps of the great scientific leaders of our past, like Igor Kurchatov, our two great nations can solve any problem, overcome any challenge and rise to any occasion for the good of mankind—if we work together as one.

And so, I shall end where I began, by expressing my profound gratitude for the honor you have bestowed on me by inviting me to make this address. I am your friend and I will continue to work for our joint U.S.-Russian interests. Let us work together. Let us clear out the underbrush, let us do away with petty bureaucratic obstacles on both sides of the Atlantic. Both governments have to commit themselves to making cooperation easier, and not filled with time-consuming procedures. You can be assured that this U.S. Congressman will work tirelessly toward this goal.

Again, I thank you for inviting me. I wish you all well. God bless the United States and Russia.

ELECTION OF MINORITY MEMBERS, DELEGATES, AND RESIDENT COMMISSIONERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I call up a privileged resolution (H. Res. 35) electing Members, Delegates, and Resident Commissioners to standing

committees of the House of Representatives, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 35

Resolved, That the following named Members, Delegates, and Resident Commissioners be and are hereby elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

(1) COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE: Mr. Peterson of Minnesota, Mr. Dooley of California, Mr. Holden, Mr. Thompson of Mississippi, Mr. McIntyre, Mr. Etheridge, Mr. Boswell, Mr. Lucas of Kentucky, Mr. Hill, Mr. Baca, Mr. Larsen of Washington, Mr. Ross, Mr. Acevedo-Vila.

(2) COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS: Mr. Murtha, Mr. Dicks, Mr. Sabo, Mr. Hoyer, Mr. Mollohan, Ms. Kaptur, Mr. Visclosky, Mrs. Lowey, Mr. Serrano, Ms. DeLauro, Mr. Moran of Virginia, Mr. Oliver, Mr. Pastor, Mr. Price of North Carolina, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Kennedy of Rhode Island, Mr. Clyburn, Mr. Hinchey, Ms. Roybal-Alford, Mr. Farr, Mr. Jackson of Illinois, Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Fattah, Mr. Rothman, Mr. Bishop of Georgia, Mr. Berry.

(3) COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES: Mr. Spratt, Mr. Ortiz, Mr. Evans, Mr. Taylor of Mississippi, Mr. Abercrombie, Mr. Meehan, Mr. Reyes, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Turner of Texas, Mr. Smith of Washington, Ms. Loretta Sanchez, Mr. McIntyre, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Tauscher, Mr. Brady of Pennsylvania, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Hill, Mr. Larson of Connecticut, Mrs. Davis of California, Mr. Langevin.

(4) COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET: Mr. Moran of Virginia, Ms. Hooley of Oregon, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Moore, Mr. Lewis of Georgia, Mr. Neal of Massachusetts, Ms. DeLauro, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Scott of Virginia, Mr. Ford, Mrs. Capps, Mr. Thompson of California, Mr. Baird, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Meek of Florida, Mr. Emanuel, Mr. Davis of Alabama.

(5) COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE: Mr. Kildee, Mr. Owens, Mr. Payne, Mr. Andrews, Ms. Woolsey, Mr. Hinojosa, Mrs. McCarthy of New York, Mr. Tierney, Mr. Kind, Ms. Loretta Sanchez, Mr. Kucinich, Mr. Wu, Mr. Holt, Mrs. Davis of California, Ms. McCollum.

(6) COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE: Mr. Waxman, Mr. Markey, Mr. Hall, Mr. Boucher, Mr. Towns, Mr. Pallone, Mr. Brown of Ohio, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Deutsch, Mr. Rush, Ms. Eshoo, Mr. Stupak, Mr. Engel, Mr. Wynn, Mr. Green of Texas, Ms. McCarthy of Missouri, Mr. Strickland, Ms. DeGette, Mrs. Capps, Mr. Doyle, Mr. John, Mr. Allen, Mr. Davis of Florida, Ms. Schakowsky, Ms. Solis.

(7) COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES: Mr. Kanjorski, Ms. Waters, Mrs. Maloney, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Velázquez, Mr. Watt, Mr. Ackerman, Ms. Hooley of Oregon, Ms. Carson of Indiana, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Meeks of New York, Ms. Lee, Mr. Inslee, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gonzalez, Mr. Capuano, Mr. Ford, Mr. Hinojosa, Mr. Lucas of Kentucky, Mr. Crowley, Mr. Clay, Mr. Israel, Mr. Ross, Mrs. McCarthy of New York, Mr. Baca, Mr. Matheson, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Davis of Tennessee, Mr. Emanuel, Mr. Miller of North Carolina, Mr. Scott of Georgia.

(8) COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM: Mr. Lantos, Mr. Owens, Mr. Towns, Mr. Kanjorski, Mrs. Maloney, Ms. Norton, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Kucinich, Mr. Davis of Illinois, Mr. Tierney, Mr. Turner of Texas, Mr. Clay, Ms. Watson, Mr. Lynch.

(9) COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: Mr. Berman, Mr. Ackerman, Mr. Faleomavaega, Mr. Payne, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Brown of Ohio, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Wexler, Mr. Engel, Mr. Delahunt, Mr. Meeks

of New York, Ms. Lee, Mr. Crowley, Mr. Hoeffel, Mr. Blumenauer, Ms. Berkley, Mrs. Napolitano, Mr. Schiff, Ms. Watson.

(10) COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY: Mr. Berman, Mr. Boucher, Mr. Nadler, Mr. Scott of Virginia, Mr. Watt, Ms. Lofgren, Ms. Jackson-Lee of Texas, Ms. Waters, Mr. Meehan, Mr. Delahunt, Mr. Wexler, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Weiner, Mr. Schiff, Ms. Linda T. Sánchez.

(11) COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES: Mr. George Miller of California, Mr. Markey, Mr. Kildee, Mr. DeFazio, Mr. Faleomavaega, Mr. Abercrombie, Mr. Ortiz, Mr. Pallone, Mr. Dooley of California, Mr. Smith of Washington, Mrs. Christensen, Mr. Kind, Mr. Inslee, Mrs. Napolitano, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Acevedo-Vilá, Mr. Carson of Oklahoma.

(12) COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE: Mr. Gordon, Mr. Costello, Ms. Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas, Ms. Woolsey, Ms. Lofgren, Ms. Jackson-Lee of Texas, Mr. Etheridge, Mr. Lampson, Mr. Larson of Connecticut, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Wu, Mr. Baird, Mr. Israel, Mr. Honda.

(13) COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS: Ms. Millender-McDonald, Mr. Davis of Illinois, Mr. Pascrell, Mrs. Christensen, Mr. Brady of Pennsylvania, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Gonzalez, Mr. Langevin.

(14) COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Mr. Rahall, Mr. Lipinski, Mr. DeFazio, Mr. Costello, Ms. Norton, Mr. Nadler, Mr. Menendez, Ms. Corrine Brown of Florida, Mr. Filner, Ms. Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas, Mr. Taylor of Mississippi, Ms. Millender-McDonald, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Blumenauer, Mrs. Tauscher, Mr. Pascrell, Mr. Boswell, Mr. Holden, Mr. Lampson, Mr. Baird, Ms. Berkley, Mr. Carson of Oklahoma, Mr. Matheson, Mr. Honda, Mr. Larsen of Washington, Mr. Capuano, Mr. Weiner, Ms. Carson of Indiana, Mr. Hoeffel, Mr. Thompson of California, Mr. Bishop of New York, Mr. Michaud, Mr. Davis of Tennessee.

(15) COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS: Mr. Filner, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Corrine Brown of Florida, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Rodriguez.

(16) COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS: Mr. Stark, Mr. Matsui, Mr. Levin, Mr. Cardin, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Kleczka, Mr. Lewis of Georgia, Mr. Neal of Massachusetts, Mr. McNulty, Mr. Jefferson, Mr. Tanner, Mr. Becerra, Mr. Doggett, Mr. Pomeroy, Mr. Sandlin, Mrs. Jones of Ohio.

Mr. MENENDEZ (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PLATTS). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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(1) COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES: Mr. Sanders.

(2) COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM: Mr. Sanders.

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RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 8:40 p.m. for the purpose of receiving in joint session the President of the United States.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 8:40 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order at 8 o'clock and 44 minutes p.m.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 28, 2003.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on January 28, 2003 at 5:49 p.m.

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.J. Res. 2, requests a conference.

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 12.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk of the House.

JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE HELD PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 12 TO HEAR AN ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The Speaker of the House presided.

The Deputy Sergeant at Arms, Mrs. Kerri Hanley, announced the Vice President and Members of the U.S. Senate, who entered the Hall of the House of Representatives, the Vice President taking the chair at the right

of the Speaker, and the Members of the Senate the seats reserved for them.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as members of the committee on the part of the House to escort the President of the United States into the Chamber:

The gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY);

The gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. PRYCE);

The gentleman from California (Mr. COX);

The gentleman from Georgia (Mr. KINGSTON);

The gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI);

The gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER);

The gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ); and

The gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. CLYBURN).

The VICE PRESIDENT. The President of the Senate, at the direction of that body, appoints the following Senators as members of the committee on the part of the Senate to escort the President of the United States into the House Chamber:

The Senator from Tennessee (Mr. FRIST);

The Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL);

The Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM);

The Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL);

The Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN);

The Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER);

The Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE);

The Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID);

The Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI); and

The Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAU).

The Deputy Sergeant at Arms announced the Acting Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, His Excellency Roble Olhaye, Ambassador from Djibouti.

The Acting Dean of the Diplomatic Corps entered the Hall of the House of Representatives and took the seat reserved for him.

The Deputy Sergeant at Arms announced the Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.

The Associate Justice of the Supreme Court entered the Hall of the House of Representatives and took the seat reserved for him in front of the Speaker's rostrum.

The Deputy Sergeant at Arms announced the Cabinet of the President of the United States.

The members of the Cabinet of the President of the United States entered the Hall of the House of Representatives and took the seats reserved for them in front of the Speaker's rostrum.

At 9 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m., the Sergeant at Arms, the Honorable Wilson Livingood, announced the President of the United States.

The President of the United States, escorted by the committee of Senators

ELECTION OF MEMBER TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I call up a privileged resolution (H. Res. 36) electing a named Member to standing committees of the House of Representatives, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 36

Resolved, That the following named Member be and is hereby elected to the following