

Whereas the violence also resulted in the destruction of more than 500 homes belonging to Kosovo Serbs, Ashkali, and other minorities, and in the destruction of, or damage to, more than 30 churches and monasteries belonging to the Serbian Orthodox Church;

Whereas historic mosques in Belgrade and Nis, and an Islamic center in Novi Sad, were also destroyed or damaged;

Whereas in response to the violence, Commander in Chief of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Allied Forces South, Admiral Gregory Johnson, concluded, "This kind of activity, which essentially amounts to ethnic cleansing, cannot go on.,";

Whereas Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, General James Jones ordered the deployment of NATO's Strategic Reserve Force on March 19, 2004, to calm the violence and end the destruction;

Whereas Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage and Foreign Minister of Serbia and Montenegro Goran Svilanovic met in Washington on March 19, 2004, and called for an immediate end to the violence, concurring that no party in Kosovo can be allowed to profit or advance a political agenda through violent measures;

Whereas a stable, secure, and functioning multiethnic society is in the best interest of all people of Kosovo, the broader region of Southeast Europe, and the world;

Whereas it is essential that political leaders in Kosovo support efforts to establish an environment in which all people in Kosovo have freedom of movement and the ability to live free from fear;

Whereas the United States and members of the international community have called on the people of Kosovo to implement 8 standards outlined by the United Nations Interim Administration in Kosovo (UNMIK), which are to be met prior to the consideration of the question of final status for Kosovo, including: the existence of effective, representative, and functioning democratic institutions; enforcement of the rule of law; freedom of movement; sustainable returns of refugees and displaced persons, and respect for the rights of communities; creation of a sound basis for a market economy; fair enforcement of property rights; normalized dialogue with Belgrade; and transformation of the Kosovo Protection Corps (KPC) in line with its mandate; and

Whereas it is in the long-term interest of all people of Kosovo that the UNMIK standards are achieved in order to promote peace, stability, and economic development, and to ensure a better future for all people in Kosovo: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) urges all people in Kosovo to immediately stop the violence, end the destruction of homes, churches, and other cultural and religious sites, and cooperate with North Atlantic Treaty Organization's Kosovo Force (KFOR), the United Nations Interim Administration in Kosovo (UNMIK), and the Kosovo Police in identifying for prosecution the perpetrators of violence and the destruction of property;

(2) expresses its deep condolences to the families of those who have been killed in the recent violence;

(3) strongly condemns the destruction of personal and religious property in Kosovo, including more than 500 homes belonging to Kosovo Serbs, Ashkali, and other minorities, and of 30 churches and monasteries belonging to the Serbian Orthodox Church, adding to the more than 100 churches that have been destroyed since June 1999;

(4) strongly condemns the destruction of historic mosques in the cities of Belgrade and Nis, and of an Islamic center in Novi Sad;

(5) recognizes the commitment made by the Kosovo Assembly to establish a fund for the reconstruction of property, including homes and churches, destroyed during the attacks;

(6) recognizes the commitment made by Serbian officials to provide funds for the reconstruction of mosques in Belgrade and Nis, and an Islamic center in Novi Sad;

(7) urges political leaders to fulfill their commitment to rebuild what has been destroyed and to take all possible action to allow the more than 4,000 Kosovo Serbs and other minorities displaced during the violence to return quickly and safely to their homes and communities;

(8) encourages all political leaders in Kosovo to renounce the use of violence, and to proceed with efforts to establish a secure, peaceful, multiethnic society, which protects the rights of all people in Kosovo, and to take action to proceed with the implementation of the standards or "benchmark goals" outlined by UNMIK;

(9) strongly recommends that the United Nations review the structure and organization of UNMIK; and

(10) urges reinvigoration of dialogue between Belgrade and Pristina in an effort to move toward the establishment of a peaceful and secure environment guaranteeing freedom of movement and human rights for all people in Kosovo.

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, as many of my colleagues are aware, I continue to pay close attention to developments in Southeast Europe. During my time as a member of the Senate, I have been deeply concerned with the situation in Kosovo—particularly the situation for Kosovo's ethnic minorities.

I have traveled to Kosovo three times since the end of the military campaign in 1999, most recently in May 2002. At that time, I met with Kosovo Albanian leaders, including President Rugova and Prime Minister Rexhepi, as well as leaders of the Kosovo Serb community. In my conversations with all political leaders, I stressed the importance of moving forward with efforts to promote the rule of law and refugee return, as well as work to provide for the protection of human rights and freedom of movement for all people in Kosovo.

At that time, I reiterated a plea that I made during a trip to Pristina in February 2000, urging Kosovo's leaders to start a new paradigm of peace and stability for all people in Kosovo. I continue to believe it is essential that minorities in Kosovo, including Serbs, Roma, Egyptians, Bosniaks, Croats, Turks, Ashkalia, and others, are able to move about as they wish and live lives free from fear.

I could not agree more with a statement made in the Ninth Assessment of the Situation of Ethnic Minorities in Kosovo, a joint report released in May 2002 by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, OSCE, and the U.N. High Commission on Refugees, UNHCR. The report concludes, "Only when Kosovo's minorities feel confident in their long-term future and when all of Kosovo's displaced persons are able to exercise the choice to return to their homes, feeling assured of

their safety and confident in their ability to access institutions and participate in social, economic and political life in Kosovo on a non-discriminatory basis, will it be possible to say that the situation of minorities in Kosovo is acceptable."

The latest round of ethnic violence in Kosovo, which erupted on March 17, 2004, resulted in the deaths of 20 people, including 8 Kosovo Serbs, 8 Kosovo Albanians, and 4 unidentified victims. It displaced more than 4,000 people, including Kosovo Serbs, Ashkalia, and others, and led to the destruction of more than 500 homes and more than 30 churches or monasteries belonging to the Serbian Orthodox Church—adding to the more than 100 churches that had already been destroyed during the last 5 years.

This is a tragic and urgent reminder of the work that remains to be done in Kosovo. I believe we must redouble our efforts and do all that we can to prevent continued violence in Kosovo. While the violence appears to be calming, the situation on the ground remains tense. There is a long road ahead as we look to work with the people of Kosovo not only to rebuild what has been destroyed, but also to secure an environment where respect for human rights and the rule of law are protected. Continued U.S. leadership is critical in this regard.

Today, I submit a resolution condemning the recent ethnic violence in Kosovo and calling for a renewed effort to promote long-term peace and stability there. I am joined by a number of my colleagues, including Senator JOE BIDEN, Senator DICK LUGAR, Senator JOE LIEBERMAN, and Senator SAM BROWNBACK.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting swift passage of this important measure, which reminds us of unfinished business in this part of the world.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2956. Mr. GRAHAM, of Florida (for himself, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. CARPER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. NELSON, of Florida, and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, to reauthorize and improve the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, improve access to quality child care, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2957. Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. BINGAMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2958. Mrs. MURRAY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2959. Mr. REID (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2960. Mr. TALENT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the

bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2961. Mr. TALENT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2962. Mr. CAMPBELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2963. Mr. SANTORUM (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2964. Mr. KOHL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2965. Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CHAFEE, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2966. Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. DOLE, and Mr. KOHL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2967. Mr. GREGG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2968. Mr. DOMENICI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2969. Mr. AKAKA submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2970. Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. CARPER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2971. Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. GRAHAM, of Florida, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mrs. CLINTON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2972. Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. INOUE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2973. Mr. SANTORUM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2974. Mrs. LINCOLN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2975. Mrs. LINCOLN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2976. Mrs. BOXER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2977. Ms. STABENOW submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2978. Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2979. Mr. HARKIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2980. Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. NELSON, of Nebraska, and

Mr. CARPER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2981. Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BAYH, Mr. CARPER, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DODD, and Mr. LIEBERMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2982. Mr. TALENT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2983. Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mrs. BOXER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2984. Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2985. Mr. DAYTON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2986. Mr. BINGAMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2987. Mr. BINGAMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2988. Mr. BINGAMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2989. Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BURNS, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. INOUE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2990. Mr. ROCKEFELLER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2991. Mr. ROCKEFELLER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2992. Mr. ROCKEFELLER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2993. Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2994. Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2995. Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2996. Mr. GRASSLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2997. Mr. SANTORUM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2998. Mr. ENSIGN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2999. Mr. KYL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3000. Mr. KYL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the

bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3001. Mr. KYL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3002. Mr. KYL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3003. Mr. KYL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3004. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3005. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3006. Mr. FRIST (for Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. REID)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 275, to amend the Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996, and to establish the United States Boxing Administration.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2956. Mr. GRAHAM of Florida (for himself, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. CARPER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, to reauthorize and improve the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, improve access to quality child care, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . OPTIONAL COVERAGE OF LEGAL IMMIGRANTS UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM AND SCHIP.

(a) MEDICAID PROGRAM.—Section 1903(v) (42 U.S.C. 1396b(v)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “paragraph (2)” and inserting “paragraphs (2) and (4)”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(4)(A) Only during the period described in subparagraph (C), a State may elect (in a plan amendment under this title) to provide medical assistance under this title for aliens who are lawfully residing in the United States (including battered aliens described in section 431(c) of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996) and who are otherwise eligible for such assistance, within any of the following eligibility categories:

“(i) PREGNANT WOMEN.—Women during pregnancy (and during the 60-day period beginning on the last day of the pregnancy).

“(ii) CHILDREN.—Children (as defined under such plan), including optional targeted low-income children described in section 1905(u)(2)(B).

“(B)(i) In the case of a State that has elected to provide medical assistance to a category of aliens under subparagraph (A), no debt shall accrue under an affidavit of support against any sponsor of such an alien on the basis of provision of assistance to such category and the cost of such assistance shall not be considered as an unreimbursed cost.

“(ii) The provisions of sections 401(a), 402(b), 403, and 421 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation