

those statements of hate and animosity towards all Jewish people of the world; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. TALENT, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. Res. 337. A resolution to condemn the harmful, destructive and anti-Semitic statements of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, the President of Iran, and to demand an apology for those statements of hate and animosity towards all Jewish people of the world; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BURR, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRIST, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. REID, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TALENT, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 338. A resolution honoring the memory of the members of the Armed Forces of the United States who have given their lives in service to the United States in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 339. A resolution urging the Government of the Russian Federation to withdraw the first draft of the proposed legislation as passed in its first reading in the State Duma that would have the effect of severely restricting the establishment, operations, and activities of domestic, international, and foreign nongovernmental organizations in the Russian Federation, or to modify the proposed legislation to entirely remove these restrictions; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. INOUE (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. Con. Res. 72. A concurrent resolution requesting the President to issue a proclamation annually calling upon the people of the United States to observe Global Family Day, One Day of Peace and Sharing, and for other

purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. Con. Res. 73. A concurrent resolution urging the President to issue a proclamation for the observance of an American Jewish History Month; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 146

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 146, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

S. 431

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 431, a bill to establish a program to award grants to improve and maintain sites honoring Presidents of the United States.

S. 503

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 503, a bill to expand Parents as Teachers programs and other quality programs of early childhood home visitation, and for other purposes.

S. 682

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 682, a bill to authorize the establishment of a Social Investment and Economic Development Fund for the Americas to provide assistance to reduce poverty and foster increased economic opportunity in the countries of the Western Hemisphere, and for other purposes.

S. 757

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 757, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 981

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 981, a bill to ensure that a Federal employee who takes leave without pay in order to perform service as a member of the uniformed services or member of the National Guard shall continue to receive pay in an amount which, when taken together with the pay and allowances such individual is receiving for such service, will be no less than the basic pay such individual would then be receiving if no interruption in employment had occurred.

S. 1060

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1060, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for the purchase of hearing aids.

S. 1139

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) were added as cosponsors of S. 1139, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to strengthen the ability of the Secretary of Agriculture to regulate the pet industry.

S. 1180

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1180, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reauthorize various programs servicing the needs of homeless veterans for fiscal years 2007 through 2011, and for other purposes.

S. 1902

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1902, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize funding for the establishment of a program on children and the media within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to study the role and impact of electronic media in the development of children.

S. 2008

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2008, a bill to improve cargo security, and for other purposes.

S. 2012

At the request of Mr. SMITH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2012, a bill to authorize appropriations to the Secretary of Commerce for the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act for fiscal years 2006 through 2012, and for other purposes.

S. 2014

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2014, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and enhance educational assistance for survivors and dependents of veterans.

S. 2082

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN)

were added as cosponsors of S. 2082, a bill to amend the USA PATRIOT Act to extend the sunset of certain provisions of that Act and the lone wolf provision of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 to March 31, 2006.

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2082, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2082, *supra*.

S. 2083

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2083, a bill to prohibit the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) from removing any item from the current list of items prohibited from being carried aboard a passenger aircraft.

S. 2109

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEM) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) were added as cosponsors of S. 2109, a bill to provide national innovation initiative.

S. 2113

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2113, a bill to promote the widespread availability of communications services and the integrity of communication facilities, and to encourage investment in communication networks.

S. 2118

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2118, a bill to amend the USA PATRIOT Act to extend the sunset of certain provisions of the Act and the lone wolf provision of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 to March 31, 2006 and to combat methamphetamine abuse.

S. RES. 320

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 320, a resolution calling the President to ensure that the foreign policy of the United States reflects appropriate understanding and sensitivity concerning issues related to human rights, ethnic cleansing, and genocide documented in the United States record relating to the Armenian Genocide.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 2119. A bill to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

block grant program through June 30, 2006, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I am here to introduce bill to provide a 6-month extension of the Nation's largely successful welfare program. It is known as the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program, or TANF.

Congress enacted the TANF program in 1996, to help welfare recipients gain work skills and to help low-income families become economically self-sufficient.

Welfare reform has mostly succeeded. States have adopted creative policies to support low-income families making the transition from welfare to work. Millions have moved to self-sufficiency.

But the TANF law expired in 2002. And Congress has failed to reauthorize it. Instead, Congress has extended TANF on a short-term basis, 12 times. The latest short-term extension expires in just over 2 weeks.

This bill is a simple extension of the current welfare program. It would provide stability for the States to operate their welfare programs. And it would continue our successful partnership with the States in supporting needy families as they move from welfare to work.

Earlier this week, the Senate voted 64-27 to keep the welfare program out of the budget cutting reconciliation bill that the House has passed. The Senate voted instead to build on the bipartisan Finance Committee bill that Chairman GRASSLEY and I worked diligently on this year. That bill is called the Personal Responsibility Individual Development for Everyone or PRIDE Act. The Finance Committee reported it out in March with near unanimous support. The PRIDE Act has been awaiting full Senate consideration since then.

Despite broad support in the Finance Committee, the Senate has not taken this measure up for debate. Despite the broad support of governors, the Senate has not taken this measure up for debate. The Republican Governors Association said that TANF reauthorization "is too important to leave to the limitations of the reconciliation process." But the Senate has not taken this measure up for debate.

This vote was a vote to debate this bill on the Senate floor. It was a vote to build on the broadly-supported bill from the Finance Committee. We are going to need some time to complete that debate.

The 6-month extension that I offer this afternoon will keep the welfare program operating. The 6-month extension will allow us the time to debate, pass, and go to conference on a fully considered PRIDE Act.

I urge my colleagues to do the responsible thing. I urge my colleagues to support this extension. I urge my colleagues to keep this important safety net program operating.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. BROWNBAC, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 2125. A bill to promote relief, security, and democracy in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. OBAMA. Mr. President, I rise today, on behalf of Senator BROWNBAC, Senator DURBIN, and Senator DEWINE to introduce the Democratic Republic of the Congo Relief, Security and Democracy Promotion Act.

As we try to conclude our business for the year here in the Senate, we are in the midst of sharp debates on a large number of issues. In the foreign policy arena alone, the Administration and Congress are consumed with nurturing a political process and defeating insurgents in Iraq, attempting to halt proliferation by Iran and North Korea, and trying to end the bloodshed in Darfur, Sudan.

But there is another country embroiled in conflict that has not yet received the high-level attention or resources it needs. It's the Democratic Republic of Congo, and right now it is in the midst of a humanitarian catastrophe.

An International Rescue Committee report from 2004 found that 31,000 people were dying in the Congo each month and 3.8 million—3.8 million—people had died in the previous 6 years. This means that this conflict, which still smolders and burns in some regions, has cost more lives than any other conflict since World War II.

Beyond the humanitarian catastrophe, resolving the problems in the Congo will be critical if Africa is to achieve its promise. The country, which is the size of Western Europe, lies at the geographic heart of Africa and borders every major region across the continent. If left untended, Congo's tragedy will continue to infect Africa—from North to South; from East to West.

I believe that the United States can make a profound difference in this crisis. According to international aid agencies, there are innumerable cost-effective interventions that could be quickly undertaken—such as the provision of basic medical care, immunization and clean water—that could save thousands of lives. On the political front, sustained U.S. leadership could fill a perilous vacuum.

The bill that we are introducing here today is an important step on the long road towards bringing peace and prosperity to the Congo. I am proud to be a part of a collaborative, bipartisan effort with some of the Senate's leading voices on Africa—Senators BROWNBAC, DURBIN and DEWINE.

This bill establishes 14 core principles of U.S. policy across a range of issues; authorizes a 25 percent increase in U.S. assistance for the Democratic Republic of the Congo; calls for a Special Envoy to resolve the situation in Eastern Congo; and urges the Administration to use its voice and vote at the