

Whereas the United Nations Security Council unanimously passed Security Council Resolution 1737 on December 23, 2006, which imposed sanctions on trade and expertise related to the nuclear infrastructure of Iran and the transfer to Iran of International Atomic Energy Agency technical aid;

Whereas United Nations Security Council Resolution 1737 (2006) states that if Iran refuses to comply with the Resolution within 60 days, the Security Council "shall adopt further appropriate measures under Article 41 of Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations to persuade Iran to comply with this resolution and the requirements of the IAEA, and underlines that further decisions will be required should such additional measures be necessary";

Whereas, according to a report issued by the International Atomic Energy Agency on February 21, 2007, Iran failed to comply with United Nations Resolution 1737 within 60 days;

Whereas the refusal of the Government of Iran to comply with International Atomic Energy Agency orders to prove the peaceful intent of its nuclear program and with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1737 (2006) indicates that the efforts of the Government of Iran toward uranium enrichment are not for peaceful means;

Whereas the Government of Iran has contributed to instability in the Middle East and has shown itself unwilling to use its influence to support peaceful transformation in the region, including by demonstrating its ability to strike United States military forces and allies in the Middle East with missiles, by being either incapable or unwilling to stop the movement of weapons produced in Iran into Iraq and other countries in the region in support of violent religious extremism, and by the continued assertion of President Ahmadinejad that Israel will be "wiped off the map" and the consistent denial by President Ahmadinejad of the existence of the holocaust, as evidenced through the hosting of an "International Conference to Review the Global Vision of the Holocaust" on December 11, 2006;

Whereas John Michael McConnell, Director of National Intelligence, indicated in a hearing of the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate on February 27, 2007, that economic sanctions on Iran uniformly applied by the international community could have a major effect on the economy of Iran;

Whereas the placement and implementation of sanctions on countries such as North Korea and Libya have made progress in bringing about change;

Whereas, despite the release of an internal European Union document dated February 7, 2007, which indicated that European Union officials believe that preventing Iran from developing a nuclear weapon is not likely, on February 12, 2007, the European Union agreed, in compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1737 (2006), to impose limited sanctions on Iran in order to prevent the sale of materials and technology that could be used in Iran's nuclear program; and

Whereas full economic sanctions on the part of the entire international community have not been applied to Iran: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the nuclear program of the Government of Iran continues to be of grave concern and should be considered a serious threat to the United States and its military forces and personnel in the Middle East, and to United States allies and interests in Europe, the Middle East, and Asia;

(2) as a result of the failure of Iran to comply with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1737 (2006), the United Nations Security Council should implement additional sanctions in order to persuade Iran to comply with requirements imposed by the International Atomic Energy Agency;

(3) full economic sanctions, uniformly imposed by the entire international community, including Russia and China, offer the best opportunity to bring about significant change in Iran to prevent the development of a nuclear weapon in Iran; and

(4) the elimination of the threat of a nuclear Iran is in the long term interest of the people of Iran, the region, and the world.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 458. Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 494, to endorse further enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and to facilitate the timely admission of new members to NATO, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 458. Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 494, to endorse further enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and to facilitate the timely admission of new members to NATO, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 5, line 19, insert "(FYROM)" after "Macedonia".

On page 12, line 22, insert "(FYROM)" after "Macedonia".

On page 14, line 7, insert "(FYROM)" after "Macedonia".

On page 14, line 9, insert "(FYROM)" after "MACEDONIA".

On page 15, line 6, insert "(FYROM)" after "MACEDONIA".

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On page 15, line 20, insert "(FYROM)" after "Macedonia".

On page 17, line 3, insert "(FYROM)" after "Macedonia".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Wednesday, March 14, 2007, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "Charting a Course for Health Care Reform: Moving Toward Universal Coverage."

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 14, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing on the Philippines.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 14, 2007, at 10 a.m., in SD-430.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to hold a hearing on drug safety during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 14, 2007, at 10:15 a.m., in SD-430.

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, March 14, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., for a hearing titled "The Threat of Islamic Radicalism to the Homeland."

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Open Government: Reinvigorating the Freedom of Information Act" on Wednesday, March 14, 2007, at 10 a.m., in Dirksen Senate Office Building room 226.

Witness List

Tom Curley, President and CEO of the Associated Press, Representing the Sunshine in Government Initiative, New York, NY; Meredith Fuchs, General Counsel, The National Security Archive, Washington, DC; Sabina Haskell, Editor, Brattleboro Reformer, Brattleboro, VT; and Katherine Cary, General Counsel, Texas Office of the Attorney General, Austin, TX.

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

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 14, 2007, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on S. 223, The Senate Campaign Disclosure Parity Act.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the privilege of the floor be granted to a fellow in my office, Jonathan Burke, for the

duration of the debate on S.J. Res. 9, the Iraq resolution.

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

DISCHARGE AND REFERRAL—H.R. 399

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 399 and the bill be referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2007

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Sen-

ate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 9:30 a.m., Thursday, March 15; that on Thursday, following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day and that there then be a period of morning business for 60 minutes, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the first 30 minutes under the control of the Republicans and the next 30 minutes under the control of the majority; that the period of morning business be extended for an additional 30 minutes, with that time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees; that during the adjournment all time count postcloture

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. SANDERS. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, and if the Republican leader has no further business today, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:28 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, March 15, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.