

of S. 1233, a bill to terminate the taxes imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 other than Social Security and railroad retirement-related taxes.

## SENATE RESOLUTION 116

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 116, a resolution designating November 15, 1997, and November 15, 1998, as "America Recycles Day."

## SENATE RESOLUTION 133—RELATIVE TO A CHILD SAFETY DEVICE

Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. CHAFEE, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. REED, Mr. INOUE, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. WELLSTONE, and Mr. ROBB) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

## S. RES. 133

Whereas eight leading American gun manufacturers have now agreed to include child safety devices on their handguns;

Whereas each year, nearly 40,000 Americans are killed by firearms;

Whereas more than 500 children are killed accidentally each year by gunshots;

Whereas many of these deaths and injuries are caused by handguns manufactured in the United States;

Whereas a simple child safety device could have prevented at least some of these deaths and injuries;

Whereas there are still a number of American gun makers, including some of the nation's largest, who have not committed to including a child safety device on their guns: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that every American handgun manufacturer should voluntarily begin equipping all new handguns with child safety devices.

## SENATE RESOLUTION 134—RELATIVE TO THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE

Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. LUGAR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

## S. RES. 134

Whereas the worldwide democratic revolution has spread throughout the Western Hemisphere to include democratically elected governments in all countries but Cuba;

Whereas market economic principles have been adopted by most countries in the Western Hemisphere, resulting in remarkable economic growth and substantial increases in international trade and investment;

Whereas the end of the Cold War has opened up opportunities to address country-specific, regional, and Hemisphere-wide concerns relating to economic development, political reform, security problems, and other social and environmental issues in the Americas;

Whereas there are numerous foreign policy and security concerns in the Americas, including the defense of democracy and free markets, illicit narcotics trafficking, ter-

rorism, organized criminal activities, immigration flows, arms control and nonproliferation, environment degradation, and other regional and Hemisphere-wide issues that can best be addressed by collaborative, multilateral means;

Whereas the President of the United States announced on August 1, 1997, a revision of the unilateral policy prohibiting the sale or transfer of advanced weapons systems to countries of South America, Central America, and the Caribbean, and the restoration of United States military sales policy based on a case-by-case basis comparable to other regions of the world;

Whereas the defense ministers of the Hemisphere meet on a regular basis, as evidenced by the Defense Ministerial of the Americas held in 1995 and 1996, to address problems of mutual security and to deepen the security dialogue in the Western Hemisphere; and

Whereas it is in the national security interest of the United States to promote security and stability with our Hemispheric neighbors by engaging with them as equal partners to address security-related matters of mutual concern: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) the United States should give high priority to working with United States partners in the Americas to address shared foreign policy and security problems in the Western Hemisphere;

(2) the United States should encourage efforts to increase the transparency of defense planning, military acquisitions, military exercises, and military deployments as well as other mutual-confidence and security-building measures in the Hemisphere in order to strengthen the environment of trust, confidence, and mutual restraint;

(3) the United States should immediately begin discussions with United States partners in the Hemisphere on steps that could lead to a voluntary multilateral restraint regime on the acquisition of advanced weapons systems in the Hemisphere;

(4) the United States, in consultation with other countries in the Americas, should explore areas for enhancing cooperation and collaboration, including the strengthening of existing inter-American organizations and arrangements, in order to address shared problems relating to subregional and Hemisphere-wide foreign policy and security-related issues;

(5) the United States should—

(A) encourage countries in the Hemisphere to implement the Santiago Declaration on Confidence and Security-Building Measures (CSBM) resolution adopted by the Organization of American States (OAS) on November 10, 1995; and

(B) take steps to bring about the implementation of the resolution on Conventional Arms Transparency and Confidence Building in the Americas relating to conventional arms acquisitions adopted by the OAS on June 5, 1997;

(6) the United States should increase the number of civilian and military personnel in foreign policy and defense-related training, education, and exchange programs from and to eligible countries in the Western Hemisphere and encourage similar programs between countries in the region;

(7) the United States should conduct an in-depth study of the roles, requirements, missions, and priorities of the United States Armed Forces in the Western Hemisphere in the post-Cold War environment, including recommendations for additional steps that should be taken to improve Hemispheric security and areas of possible cooperation with the armed forces of other countries in the region;

(8) the study should be completed within 12 months of the date of adoption of this resolu-

tion, and the appropriate committees of Congress should be notified of the findings of the study upon its completion; and

(9) the President should submit a report to Congress every 90 days on progress towards achieving the policy goals stated in this resolution.

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, today I am submitting a resolution, together with my friend and colleague Senator LUGAR, which expresses the sense of the Senate that the United States should give high priority to working with our partners in the Americas to address shared foreign policy and security problems in the Western Hemisphere.

Over the past several years we have witnessed unprecedented progress in our hemisphere. This sweeping wave of democratization and free market economics now provides us with a unique opportunity to consolidate these gains and to create a new security regime in the Americas. This new regime must be based upon the premise that we will work with our neighbors as equal partners to address security-related matters of mutual concern.

On August 1, 1997, the President revised the unilateral policy prohibiting the sale or transfer of advanced weapons systems to countries of South America, Central America, and the Caribbean, and restored the policy based on a case-by-case analysis comparable to that used in other regions of the world. This alone is not a security policy. It is an action that must be wrapped in a broader security policy for the region. This resolution urges the President to work towards such a broader policy and provides some direction for that policy.

We must recognize the great progress that the democratically elected civilian governments of the region have made. For this they deserve to be treated as we treat our other democratic friends and allies. At the same time, we must work with them to find ways to enhance security through defense cooperation, transparency, and confidence and security building measures. We urge the President to emphasize these themes in his meetings with our hemisphere partners.

Mr. President, I urge all of our colleagues to join Senator LUGAR and myself in supporting this resolution. It will provide the President with the support of the Congress as he pursues these objectives, and demonstrate to our partners that we remain committed to building a secure environment so that all nations of the hemisphere can prosper in peace.

## SENATE RESOLUTION 135—TO AUTHORIZE THE PRODUCTION OF RECORDS BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

## S. RES. 135

Whereas, federal, state, and local law enforcement officials have requested that the