

Whereas from 1940 to 1991, thousands of Estonians, Latvians, and Lithuanians were executed, imprisoned, or exiled by Soviet authorities through a regime of brutal repression, Sovietization, and Russification in their respective nations;

Whereas despite the efforts of the Soviet Union to eradicate the memory of independence, the Baltic people never lost their hope for freedom and their long-held dream of full independence;

Whereas during the period of "glasnost" and "perestroika" in the Soviet Union, the Baltic people led the struggle for democratic reform and national independence; and

Whereas, in the years following the restoration of full independence, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania have demonstrated their commitment to democracy, human rights, and the rule of law, and have actively participated in a wide range of international structures, pursuing further integration with European political, economic, and security organizations: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

(1) congratulates Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania on the tenth anniversary of the restoration of their full independence; and

(2) calls on the President to continue to build the close and mutually beneficial relations the United States has enjoyed with Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania since the restoration of the full independence of those nations.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, today I am joined by Senators DODD and VOINOVICH, fellow members of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, in submitting a Concurrent Resolution congratulating the people of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania on the tenth anniversary of the restoration of their full independence. The resolution also calls on the President of the United States to build upon the close and mutually beneficial relations with Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania that have existed since the restoration of their full independence.

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the reestablishment of full independence to the Baltic nations of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania after almost five decades of illegal and brutal incorporation into the Soviet Union. The Baltic nations were independent between World War I and World War II. Their freedom and independence were stolen from them in a secret deal struck between Hitler and Stalin.

During the Soviet era, thousands of Estonians, Latvians, and Lithuanians were executed, imprisoned or exiled by the Soviet regime as Moscow attempted to repress any resistance to its rule. Besides physically persecuting individuals, the Soviet Union also tried to destroy the rich heritage of the Baltic people, by degrading their culture and attempting to replace their native languages with Russian.

It didn't work. The Baltic people never gave up their hope for freedom and their long-held dream of independence.

Moreover, during the Soviet period of "glasnost" and "perestroika," the Baltic people led the struggle for democratic reform and national consciousness. In the ten years following the res-

toration of their full independence, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania have demonstrated their commitment to democracy, human rights, and rule of law at home. At the same time, they have actively participated in a wide range of international structures, while pursuing further integration into European political, economic and security organizations.

Earlier today I had the pleasure to meet with President Vike-Freiberga of Latvia, in my capacity as Chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe. I was joined by Co-Chairman CHRIS SMITH and fellow Commissioner ZACH WAMP. President Vike-Freiberga struck us as an impressive leader during our wide-ranging discussion of Euro-Atlantic cooperation and Latvia's development since the restoration of independence. Therefore, it is fitting that we introduce this resolution today, coinciding with President Vike-Freiberga's working visit to Washington.

I urge my colleagues to join in supporting this resolution.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

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TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 353. Mr. DAYTON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 149, to provide authority to control exports, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following new title:

TITLE—EXEMPTION FOR AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES, MEDICINE, AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES

SEC. 01. EXEMPTION FOR AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES, MEDICINE, AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the export controls imposed on items under title III shall not apply to agricultural commodities, medicine, and medical supplies.

SEC. 02. TERMINATION OF EXPORT CONTROLS REQUIRED BY LAW.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the President shall terminate any export control mandated by law on agricultural commodities, medicine, and medical supplies upon the date of enactment of this Act except for a control that is specifically reimposed by law.

SEC. 03. EXCLUSIONS.

Sections 01 and 02 do not apply to the following:

(1) The export of agricultural commodities, medicine, and medical supplies that are subject to national security export controls under title II or are listed on the United States Munitions List established under section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2778).

(2) The export of agricultural commodities, medicine, and medical supplies to a country against which an embargo is in effect under the Trading With the Enemy Act.

SEC. 04. DEFINITION.

For purposes of this title, the term "agricultural commodity" means any agricul-

tural commodity, food, fiber, or livestock (including livestock, as defined in section 602(2) of the Emergency Livestock Feed Assistance Act of 1988 (title VI of the Agricultural Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C. 1471(2))), and including insects), and any product thereof.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that three hearings have been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources to consider the President's proposed FY 2002 budget.

The Committee will hear testimony from the following:

1. The Department of the Interior on Tuesday, May 8, 2001, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

2. The Forest Service on Tuesday, May 8, 2001, beginning at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

3. The Department of Energy on Tuesday, May 10, 2001, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C.

For further information, please call Trici Heninger, Staff Assistant at (202) 244-7875, regarding the Department of the Interior and the Department of Energy hearings, and Kathleen Elder, Staff Assistant at (202) 244-7556, regarding the Forest Service hearing.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. MRUKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a joint oversight hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development of the Committee on Appropriations.

The hearing will take place on Thursday, May 3rd, 2001 at 10 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this hearing is to conduct oversight on the state of the nuclear power industry and the future of the industry in a comprehensive energy strategy.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, 364 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC. 20510-6150.

For further information, please call Colleen Deegan, Counsel, Energy Committee at (202) 224-8115 or Clay Sell, Clerk, Energy and Water Subcommittee at (202) 224-7260.