years, eschewing our vigilance against global threats and riding on a historic wave of prosperity underlined by a false assumption that economic growth eliminated all global challenges and threats.

An American foreign policy expert noted, shortly after the end of the Cold War, that ''the world has changed the way it looks, but not the way it works.'' I agree. There still remain regimes that oppress their peoples; there still remain movements that see the United States as their enemy; there still remain forces that seek to destroy us.

It is no coincidence that these regimes and movements depend on controlling and suppressing freedom of thought and expression wherever they hold sway. None of the countries on our terrorism list has free media. And certainly one of the most repressive regimes in recent memory was that of the now defunct and despicable Taliban regime.

Our colleagues have introduced legislation promoting a ''Radio Free Afghanistan'' to assist the transition to a post-Taliban era for that nation we abandoned and neglected for the last decade. My colleague, Senator BIDEN, in response to the September 11 attacks, has correctly noted that there is much, much more that we can do in terms of broadcasting accurate news and information to large parts of the Arab and Islamic world. Senator BIDEN has a long-standing dedication to these broadcasting tools of our foreign policy. I have seen his first proposal for an enhanced international broadcasting function, and am anxious to support it.

As those who have always supported the Radios know, a lot of the lessons for our future use of surrogate broadcasting comes from the lessons learned through the Radios since 1989. The Radios themselves have evolved. No longer broadcasting into closed societies, they have adapted their mission to the changed circumstances, they have become key players in these societies in transition. As a result of congressional oversight and the leadership of the Radios, the Radios have reshaped their missions to support the transition to democracy of the many nations of the former communist bloc, who are all in various stages of transition, some fully democratic, others struggling, and even others backsliding.

One of the most disturbing aspects of America's temporary retreat following the end of the Cold War was the notion that, with communism defeated, these societies of the former Soviet bloc would inevitably blossom into stable democracies. This has proved contrary to history, and, as we saw in many cases during the 1990s, was contrary to fact. While communism is defeated, a stable democratic society must be developed and nurtured, often by well-meaning citizens with little experience of the societies they seek to achieve. Central in effecting this transition is a free media, and I am happy to say that the Radios are playing a key role, a role carefully calibrated to their stages of political and economic development.

In societies still governed by repressive regimes, such as Belarus and Turkmenistan, the Radios continue to broadcast news that the local populations can trust and continue to puncture state-controlled media with fresh and objective analysis. In transition societies, such as Russia and Serbia, the Radios, in addition to providing useful news and analysis, provide a model of modern, professional media that these societies study and use to advance their own nascent media institutions.

America does not have all of the ideas, nor all of the solutions, to the problems of the world. But our system is based on the fundamental conviction that there must be a free exchange of ideas. And history has demonstrated that we have worked best, most productively, most peacefully, with nations that share this conviction. The Radios both emulated this fundamental principle and applied it to advance our national security. Let us pause for a moment and recognize this by passing this resolution commemorating their 50th anniversary.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2467. Mr. HUTCHINSON (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1731, to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers, to enhance resource conservation and rural development, to provide for farm credit, agricultural research, nutrition, and related programs, to ensure consumers abundant food and fiber, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2468. Mr. HUTCHINSON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1731, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2469. Mr. HUTCHINSON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1731, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2470. Mr. HUTCHINSON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1731, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2471. Mr. DASCHLE (for Mr. HARKIN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1731, supra.

SA 2472. Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. VOINOVICH) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2471 proposed by Mr. DASCHLE to the bill (S. 1731) supra.

SA 2473. Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2471 proposed by Mr. DASCHLE to the bill (S. 1731) supra.

SA 2474. Mr. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1731, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 2478. Mr. REID (for Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. THOMPSON)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2336, An act to extend for 4 years, through December 31, 2005, the authority to redact financial disclosure statements of judicial employees and judicial officers.

SA 2479. Mr. REID (for Mr. LIEBERMAN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2336, supra.

SA 2480. Mr. REID (for Mr. LIEBERMAN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2199, to amend the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997 to permit any Federal law enforcement agency to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia to assist the Department in carrying out crime prevention and law enforcement activities in the District of Columbia if deemed appropriate by the Chief of the Department and the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

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Strike the period at the end of subtitle C of title X and insert the following:

SEC. 10___. ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) SECRETARY.—The term ''Secretary'' means the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Administrator of the Service.

(2) SERVICE.—The term ''Service'' means the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the Department of Agriculture.

(b) EXEMPTION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any migratory bird management carried out by the Secretary shall be exempt from the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) (including regulations).

(c) PERMITS; MANAGEMENT.—An agent, officer, or employee of the Service that carries out any activity relating to migratory bird management may, under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703 et seq.)—

(1) issue a depredation permit to a stakeholder or cooperator of the Service; and

(2) manage and take migratory birds.

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At the appropriate place insert the following: