

ruling Burmese regime, the State Peace and Development Council, or SPDC.

Last month, the whole world got a close look at the SPDC's contempt for human life when a devastating cyclone hit Burma. No one can say with certainty what the full toll of death and destruction is from the storm—but we do know the junta greatly compounded matters through inaction and its utter disregard for the Burmese people.

The SPDC severely restricted the entry of relief workers into the country. Four U.S. Navy ships carrying much-needed supplies for the Burmese people were turned away time and again by the regime.

Estimates put as many as 135,000 people dead or missing after the cyclone hit on May 3, and many of those deaths must lie at the feet of the SPDC for its outrageous acts of criminal neglect.

These sanctions, if enacted, would make clear to the SPDC that the United States continues to stand squarely with the long-suffering people of Burma and against the morally bankrupt junta.

This bill is the same legislation the Senate has passed in prior years. If enacted, it would extend import sanctions for another year unless the regime takes a number of tangible steps toward democracy and reconciliation.

I and many others believe these sanctions should be tightened even further, but those efforts will be pursued at a later date in separate legislation.

I am joined, as always, by two colleagues who are both steadfast and longtime advocates for the freedom of the Burmese people: Senator DIANNE FEINSTEIN and Senator JOHN MCCAIN. I am proud to stand alongside these two friends in support of this important legislation.

Before I close I want to clarify one important point for my colleagues. This bill would in no way hinder or block America's continuing efforts to provide humanitarian aid to the people in Burma in the wake of the cyclone. This bill imposes sanctions on trade, not humanitarian aid.

America is a friend to the people of Burma. That is why we stand against Burma's tyrannical ruling regime. I hope my colleagues will continue to support this bill and continue to send that message to the SPDC.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the joint resolution be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the joint resolution was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. J. RES. 41

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Congress approves the renewal of the import restrictions contained in section 3(a)(1) of the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003.

## SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

### SENATE RESOLUTION 592—COM-MENDING THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. CORKER, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. WICKER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 592

Whereas May 18, 2008, marks the 75th anniversary of the Tennessee Valley Authority;

Whereas the Tennessee Valley Authority was created by Congress in 1933 to improve navigation along the Tennessee River, reduce the risk of flood damage, provide electric power, and promote agricultural and industrial development in the region;

Whereas the Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933 (16 U.S.C. 831 et seq.) was signed into law by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on May 18, 1933;

Whereas the Tennessee Valley Authority continues to serve the Tennessee Valley, providing reliable and affordable electricity, managing the Tennessee River system, and stimulating economic growth;

Whereas the Tennessee Valley Authority provides more electricity than any other public utility in the Nation and has competitive rates and reliable transmission;

Whereas the Tennessee Valley Authority is expanding its environmental policy to increase its renewable energy sources, improve energy efficiency, and provide clean energy in the Tennessee Valley region;

Whereas the Tennessee Valley Authority continues to reduce power plant emissions and is working to further improve air quality for the health of individuals in the Tennessee Valley region;

Whereas the Tennessee Valley Authority is a leader in the nuclear power industry, with multi-site nuclear power operations that provide approximately 30 percent of the Tennessee Valley Authority's power supply;

Whereas, as part of NuStart Energy Consortium, the Tennessee Valley Authority submitted one of the first combined operating license applications for a new nuclear power plant in 30 years;

Whereas the Tennessee Valley Authority's integrated management of the Tennessee River system provides a wide range of benefits that include providing electrical power, reducing floods, facilitating freight transportation, improving water quality and supply, enhancing recreation, and protecting public land;

Whereas the Tennessee Valley Authority builds business and community partnerships that foster economic prosperity, helping companies and communities attract investments that bring good jobs to the Tennessee Valley region and keep them there; and

Whereas the Tennessee Valley Authority no longer receives appropriations to help fund its activities in navigation, flood control, environmental research, and land management, because the Tennessee Valley Authority pays for all its activities through power sales and issuing bonds: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved,* That the Senate—

(1) commends the Tennessee Valley Authority on its 75th anniversary;

(2) recognizes the Tennessee Valley Authority for its long and proud history of service in the areas of energy, the environment, and economic development in a service area that includes 7 States;

(3) honors the accomplishments of the Board of Directors, retirees, staff, and supporters of the Tennessee Valley Authority

who were instrumental during the Tennessee Valley Authority's first 75 years; and

(4) directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Chairman of the Board of the Tennessee Valley Authority, Bill Sansom, and the Chief Executive Officer of the Tennessee Valley Authority, Tom Kilgore, for appropriate display.

### SENATE RESOLUTION 593—HONORING THE DETROIT RED WINGS ON WINNING THE 2008 NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE STANLEY CUP CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 593

Whereas, on June 4, 2008, the Detroit Red Wings defeated the Pittsburgh Penguins, 3 to 2 in game 6 of the National Hockey League Stanley Cup Finals;

Whereas that triumph marks the 11th Stanley Cup Championship in the history of the Red Wings, bringing the total number of Stanley Cup Championships won by the Red Wings to more than the number won by any other professional hockey team in the United States;

Whereas that triumph also marks the fourth Stanley Cup Championship for the Red Wings in 11 seasons, building on the team's reputation as one of the greatest dynasties in the history of the National Hockey League;

Whereas the championship win caps a historic season in which the Red Wings set a National Hockey League record for the most victories during the first half of the regular season (30-8-3), captured a seventh consecutive division title, earned a berth in the Stanley Cup playoffs for the 17th consecutive season, and won a sixth Presidents' Cup Trophy for the best regular season record in the National Hockey League;

Whereas, led by Captain Nicklas Lidstrom, the Red Wings, employing a combination of both youth and experience, became National Hockey League champions through pure grit and determination;

Whereas Nicklas Lidstrom, born in Västerås, Sweden, became the first European-born National Hockey League player to captain a Stanley Cup Championship team;

Whereas Henrik Zetterberg, through his hard work and skill on both ends of the ice, won the Conn Smythe Trophy for the most valuable player in the playoffs;

Whereas Nicklas Lidstrom, Kris Draper, Kirk Maltby, Tomas Holmstrom, and Darren McCarty have all been members of the team for the last 4 Stanley Cups won by the Red Wings, and Chris Osgood, Chris Chelios, and Brian Rafalski have each earned their third Stanley Cup Championship;

Whereas Marian and Mike Ilitch, the owners of the Red Wings and community leaders in Michigan, have once again returned Lord Stanley's Cup to the city of Detroit;

Whereas Red Wings head coach Mike Babcock, following in the footsteps of the great Scotty Bowman, has won his first Stanley Cup Championship;

Whereas the Red Wings, who have played in Detroit since 1926, continue to be prized and cherished by all Michiganders and Red Wing fans across the country;

Whereas, since 1952, Red Wings fans have continued the tradition of the "Legend of the Octopus", throwing octopi onto the ice, each of the 8 tentacles symbolizing the original 8 games needed to win the Stanley Cup;