

manufacturers and service providers in California and reauthorization means support for California exports and California jobs: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly,* That the Legislature urges Congress to support legislation reauthorizing the Export-Import Bank of the United States; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-313. A resolution adopted by the California State Lands Commission opposing S. 2094, the Vessel Incidental Discharge Act; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

POM-314. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Rhode Island urging the United States Congress to support a peaceful unification of Ireland using all possible diplomatic means; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 3124

Whereas, Ireland and the Irish people are an ancient nation that have contributed much to western culture, particularly within the spheres of literature, art, music, dance, theater, theology and philosophy; and

Whereas, Ireland is an island nation that eventually evolved into 32 counties. Tragically, in 1922 it was divided against the wishes of a majority of the Irish people who desired a united nation, into the Irish Republic, consisting of 26 counties, and Northern Ireland, composed of the remaining six counties, and

Whereas, A peacefully united and independent Ireland would be the most effective way to grow the economy and would lead to a wealthier nation, with more influence in regional and world affairs. It would also be the best way to ensure that all citizens of Ireland have a just and equal chance at happiness and prosperity; and

Whereas, A united and independent Ireland, with a unified and independent police force and justice system, is more likely to dispense justice in an impartial and fair way, and it would be far more likely to have the trust and respect of its citizenry, including citizens from all socio-economic spheres of life; and

Whereas, The Good Friday Agreement of 1998, negotiated with strong American support, ratified by the British and Irish governments and approved by a vote with the overwhelming support of the entire island of Ireland, provides a framework by which a united Ireland might be achieved through peaceful and democratic means. It also provided for the development and strengthening of North/South institutions and for there to be cross border cooperation amongst the two entities; and

Whereas, The United States and the State of Rhode Island have benefited enormously from the rich contributions Irish immigrants have made to our nation and state; Now, therefore be it

*Resolved,* That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations hereby respectfully requests that the United States Congress strongly supports a peaceful unification of Ireland using all possible diplomatic means; and be it further,

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Rhode Island Congressional Dele-

gation, the President and Vice President of the United States, the United States Secretary of State, and the Taoiseach (Prime Minister) of Ireland, Enda Kenny.

POM-315. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Rhode Island requesting that the United States Congress and the United Nations work together towards finding a peaceful solution to the problems in Cyprus; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 3118

Whereas, This year marks the fortieth anniversary of the illegal Turkish invasion and continued occupation of Cyprus; and

Whereas, The Republic of Cyprus has been divided and occupied by foreign forces since 1974, in violation of numerous United Nations' Resolutions; and

Whereas, The Republic of Cyprus is the only internationally recognized and legal entity on the Island of Cyprus and is a member of the United Nations and the European Union. United States Vice President Joseph Biden re-affirmed these facts and the United States' support for the Republic of Cyprus on his recent visit to the Island of Cyprus; and

Whereas, The international community, with the support of the United States, has repeatedly supported the Republic of Cyprus in this dispute. It has called for the removal of the 43,000 Turkish troops from the Island, the return of all illegal settlers, and has continuously urged the government of Turkey to engage in good faith negotiations to achieve these ends; and

Whereas, A peaceful, just and lasting solution to the Cyprus problem would greatly benefit the security and the political, economic and social well-being of all Cypriots, as well as contribute to improved relations between Greece, Turkey and the European Union: Now, therefore be it

*Resolved,* That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations hereby marks the fortieth anniversary of the unlawful Turkish invasion and occupation of Cyprus. We furthermore respectfully request that the President of the United States and the United States Congress fully support all United Nations efforts to create a peaceful and democratic solution that will be based on European law and will guarantee all Cypriot citizens equal human rights; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to President Barack Obama, Vice President Joseph Biden, Jr., Secretary of State John Kerry, the Rhode Island Delegation to the United States Congress, Speaker of the House of Representatives John Boehner, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, United States Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, United States Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, and United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

POM-316. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California calling upon the United States Congress to enact legislation that would establish reasonable deadlines for the prohibition of the testing and marketing of cosmetic products that have been tested on animals, and urging the federal government to mandate alternative methods to animal testing of cosmetic products; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 22

Whereas, For more than 50 years, animals have been used in painful tests to assess the safety of certain chemicals used in cosmetic products; and

Whereas, Modern alternatives to harmful animal testing are increasingly less expen-

sive, faster, and more accurate at predicting human reactions; and

Whereas, Mandating and promoting the use of accepted alternative methods to animal testing has, and will continue to have, a huge positive impact on animal welfare; and

Whereas, Careful evaluation of alternative methods to animal tests ensures that their proper use supports the equal or better protection of people, animals, and the environment; and

Whereas, In 2000, California became the first state in the nation to pass a law restricting the use of animals in product testing by making it unlawful to use animals for testing when an appropriate, validated, alternative method is available; and

Whereas, Our nation's largest trading partner, the European Union, which accounts for nearly half of the global cosmetics market worth an estimated \$90 billion a year, prohibits the importation and sale of cosmetics that have been tested on animals as of March 2013; and

Whereas, Norway, India, Israel, and the state of Sao Paulo, Brazil have also banned all animal testing for cosmetics; and

Whereas, Harmonizing international laws that encourage modern science and respond to consumer expectations benefits businesses and consumers in today's global marketplace; and

Whereas, Polls show that the American public overwhelmingly supports alternatives to testing cosmetics on animals. A recent poll conducted by ORC International, a leading global market research firm, found that 72 percent of American adults surveyed believe that testing cosmetics on animals is unethical: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly,* That the Legislature urges the United States Congress to enact legislation that would establish reasonable deadlines for the prohibition of the testing and marketing of cosmetic products that have been tested on animals; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Legislature urges the federal government to mandate alternative methods to animal testing of cosmetic products, whenever those scientifically satisfactory methods are available, and to prioritize the validation and acceptance of additional nonanimal tests; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, to the Governor of California, and to the author for appropriate distribution.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 2577. A bill to require the Secretary of State to offer rewards totaling up to \$5,000,000 for information on the kidnapping and murder of Naftali Fraenkel, a dual United States-Israeli citizen, that began on June 12, 2014 (Rept. No. 113-213).

H.R. 4028. A bill to amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to include the desecration of cemeteries among the many forms of violations of the right to religious freedom (Rept. No. 113-214).

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first