

choice, and control in the provision of family support services for families of children with disabilities; to develop or strengthen family-centered and family-directed approaches to services, including service coordination services, service planning services, and respite care services; and to assist families of children with disabilities in accessing natural and community supports and in obtaining benefits and services.

A State may conduct needs assessments, evaluations of data related to the statewide system of family support for families of children with disabilities, or pilot demonstration projects to demonstrate new approaches to the provision of family support services for families of children with disabilities. A State may also support activities to identify and coordinate Federal and State policies, resources, and services, relating to the provision of family support services for families of children with disabilities, including interagency activities and agreements.

In addition, a State may conduct outreach activities to locate families who are eligible for family support services for families of children with disabilities; to solicit input from such families; and to identify groups who are unserved and underserved. Such activities may involve the creation or maintenance of, support of, or provision of, assistance to statewide and community parent organizations, and organizations that provide family support to families of children with disabilities; the dissemination of relevant information; and other education activities.

In closing, I remind my colleagues that the toughest barriers faced by people with disabilities are not architectural, they are attitudinal. They are not in the environment, they are in our hearts and in our minds. When people with disabilities are integrated throughout our communities, we are given the opportunity to change our attitudes from ones based on stereotypes, fear, and ignorance, to ones based on admiration, acceptance, and affection.

In this way, the Developmental Disabilities Act benefits all of us. Not only are people with disabilities assisted in taking their rightful place in the mainstream of American society. Not only are families that include a child with a disability given access to the supports, resources, and services needed to maintain family unity. But in the process, we all gain from the opportunity to experience people with developmental disabilities as friends, as neighbors, as co-workers, as classmates.

I especially thank Senator JEFFORDS and Senator KENNEDY for their leadership on this issue, and I am glad to join so many of my colleagues from the HELP Committee as a co-sponsor of this legislation.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee

substitute be agreed to, the bill be considered read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The bill (S. 1809), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

RECOGNIZING AMERICA'S NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PRIVATE VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of calendar No. 379, S. Con. Res. 30.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 30) recognizing the sacrifice and dedication of members of America's nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) and private volunteer organizations (PVOs) throughout their history and specifically in answer to their courageous response to recent disasters in Central America and Kosovo.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to this resolution be printed at this point in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 30) was agreed to, as follows:

S. CON. RES. 30

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

(1) recognizes and commends the sacrifice, dedication, and commitment of those serving with, and those who have served with, American nongovernmental organizations (NGO's) and private volunteer organizations (PVO's) that provide humanitarian relief to millions of the world's poor and displaced;

(2) urges all Americans to join in commemorating and honoring those serving in, and those who have served in, America's NGO and PVO community for their sacrifice, dedication and commitment; and

(3) calls upon the people of the United States to appreciate and reflect upon the commitment and dedication of relief workers, that they often serve in harm's way with threats to their own health and safety, and their organizations who have responded to recent tragedies in Central America and Kosovo with great care, skill, and speed, and to make appropriate steps to recognize and encourage awareness of the contributions that these relief workers and their organizations have made in helping ease human suffering.

EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER FREEDOM OF PRESS AND ELECTORAL INSTITUTIONS IN PERU

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of calendar No. 378, S. Res. 209.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 209) expressing concern over interference with freedom of the press and independence of judicial and electoral institutions in Peru.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the resolution appear at this point in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 209) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 209

Whereas the independence of Peru's legislative and judicial branches has been brought into question by the May 29, 1997, dismissal of 3 Constitutional Tribunal magistrates;

Whereas Peru's National Council of Magistrates and the National Election Board have been manipulated by President Alberto Fujimori and his allies so he can seek a third term in office;

Whereas the Department of State's Country Report on Human Rights Practices for 1998, dated February 26, 1999, concludes, with respect to Peru, that "government intelligence agents allegedly orchestrated a campaign of spurious attacks by the tabloid press against a handful of publishers and investigative journalists in the strongly pro-opposition daily La Republica and the other print outlets and electronic media";

Whereas the Department of State's Country Report on Human Rights Practices for 1997, dated January 30, 1998, states that Channel 2 television station reporters in Peru "revealed torture by Army Intelligence Service Officers" and "the systematic wire-tapping of journalists, government officials, and opposition politicians";

Whereas on July 13, 1997, Peruvian immigration authorities revoked the Peruvian citizenship of Baruch Ivcher, the Israeli-born owner of the Channel 2 television station; and

Whereas Baruch Ivcher subsequently lost control of Channel 2 under an interpretation of a law that provides that a foreigner may not own a media organization, causing the Department of State's Report on Human Rights Practices for 1998 to report that "threats and harassment continued against Baruch Ivcher and some of his former journalists and administrative staff . . . In September Ivcher and several of his staff involved in his other nonmedia businesses were charged with customs fraud. The Courts sentenced Ivcher in absentia to 12 years imprisonment and his secretary to 3 years in prison. Other persons from his former television