were arrested and imprisoned for taking part in the Freedom March. Now, therefore, be it
Resolved by the Senate (the House of Rep-
resentatives concurring), That the Congress—
(1) condemns the current Belarusian re-
gime;
(2) further condemns the arrests of Anatoly
Lebedko, Nikolay Statkevich, and Valery
Shchukin;
(3) strongly concerned about the disap-
appearsances of Viktor Gonchar, Yuri
Krasovsky, Yuri Zakharanka, Tamara
Vinnikova, and other members of the opposi-
tion;
(4) calls for immediate dialogue between
President Lukashenka and the Consultative
Council of Belarusian opposition and the res-
toration of a civilian, democratically elected
government in Belarus;
(5) calls for a duly constituted national
legislature, the rule of law, and an inde-
pendent judiciary;
(6) urges President Lukashenka to respect
the human rights of all Belarusian citizens,
including those members of the opposition
who are currently imprisoned illegally in
violation of their constitutional rights;
(7) further urges President Lukashenka
to make good on his promise to hold free par-
lamentary elections in the next year;
(8) supports the appeal by the Consultative
Council of Belarusian opposition parties to
the Government of Russia, the State Duma,
and the Federation Council for a cessation of
support for Lukashenka’s regime;
(9) calls on the international community
to support the opposition by continuing to
meet with the legitimacy elected par-
lament and
(10) calls on the President of the United
States to continue to—
(A) fund travel to the United States by the
Belarusian opposition figures;
(B) provide funding for the nongovern-
mental organizations in Belarus; and
(C) support information flows into Belarus.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, in 1996,
President Alexander Lukashenka im-
posed a new constitution on Belarus that
effectively destroyed its nascent
democracy and returned that country to a
Soviet-type state. Since then, human
rights violations are routine and living
conditions are deplorable because of the
stagnant economy. Opposition
leader Siymon Sharetksy fled to
Vilnius, Lithuania.
The situation in Belarus has wors-
ened dramatically in recent months for
remaining members of the opposition.
Some have disappeared, including
Viktor Gonchar, Yuri Krasovsky, Yuri
Zakharanka, and Tamara Vinnikova.
Some have been arrested for taking part
in the October 17, 1999 “Freedom mar-
h,” including Anatoly Lebedko,
Chairman of the Committee for Inter-
national Affairs of the Supreme Soviet
of the Republic of Belarus, Nikolay
Statkevich, leader of the Social Demo-
cratic Party, and Valery Shchukin,
Deputy of the Supreme Council.

Poland, Lithuania, and Latvia are
very concerned about the direction
Belarus has taken under the
Lukashenka regime. Belarus’s economy
is apparently imploding, and neigh-
boring countries are concerned about
regional instability. Our recent experi-
ence with Slobodan Milosevic’s Yugo-
slavia should make us all concerned
about the implications of a ruthless
dictator threatening stability in Eu-
rope.

Poland, Lithuania, and Latvia have
successfully transformed themselves
from Soviet-dominated Communist
states to fully democratic market de-
mocracies integrated with the West
and Western institutions. We must be
sure that Belarus does not threaten the
remarkable progress these states have
made in only 10 years since the fall of the
Soviet empire.

Also troubling is a draft treaty that
may be signed before the end of the
year between Lukashenka and Presi-
dent Yeltsin to effect a political union
between Russia and Belarus. All West-
ern countries should be concerned that
such a union would only hurt efforts to
shore up Russia’s economy and
strengthen its fragile democracy.

That is why my colleague, Senator
CAMPBELL, and I join together today to
a resolution condemning the actions of
the Lukashenka regime. This resolu-
tion—a companion measure to one in-
roduced by our colleague in the House
of Representatives, Representative
SAM GEJDENSON—condemns the
Lukashenka regime, the arrest of oppo-
sition figures and the disappearance of
others; calls for a dialog between
Lukashenka and the opposition, the
restoration of a democratically-elected
government and institutions; calls on
the U.S. President to fund travel by
Belarusian opposition figures and for
non-governmental organizations in
Belarus and to support information
flows into Belarus. I call on my col-
leagues to join us in cosponsoring this
resolution.●

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

BANKRUPTCY REFORM ACT OF 1999

FEINGOLD AMENDMENT NO. 2779
Mr. FEINGOLD proposed an amend-
ment to amendment No. 2748 proposed
by him to the bill (S. 625) to amend
Title 11, United States Code, and for
other purposes; as follows:

On page 1, line 5, strike all after “(23) and
insert the following:

“under subsection (a)(3) of the commence-
ment or continuation of any eviction, unlaw-
ful detainer action, or similar proceeding by
a lessor against a debtor involving residen-
tial real property—
“(A) on which the debtor resides as a ten-
ant under a rental agreement; and
“(B) with respect to which—
“(i) the debtor’s lease has expired accord-
ance to the terms and (a) or a member of the
lesser’s immediate family intends to person-
ally occupy that property or (b) the lessor has
entered into an enforceable lease agree-
ment with another tenant prior to the filing
of the petition, if the lessor files with the
court a certification of such facts with the
court a certification of such facts and serves
the certification to the debtor:
“(24) under subsection (a)(3) of the com-
mencement or continuation of any eviction,
unlawful detainer action, or similar pro-
cceeding by a lessor against a debtor involv-
ing residential real property, if during the 1-
year period preceding the filing of the peti-
tion, the debtor—
“(A) commenced another case under this
title; and
“(B) failed to make a rent payment that
initially became due under an applicable
rental agreement or state law after the date
of filing of the petition for that other case;
or
“(25) under subsection (a)(3), of an evict-
ion action based on endangerment of property
or the use of an illegal drug, if the lessor files
with the court a certification that the debtor
has endangered property or used an illegal
drug or serves a copy of the certification to
the debtor”; and

(A) by adding at the end of the flush ma-
terial at the end of the subsection the fol-
lowing: With respect to the applicability of
paragraph (23) or (25) to a debtor with re-
spect to the commencement or continuation
of a proceeding described in that paragraph,
the exception to the automatic stay shall be-
come effective on the 15th day after the les-
or meets the filing and notification require-
ments under that paragraph, unless the debt-
or takes such action as may be necessary to
address the subject of the certification or the
court orders that the exception to the auto-
matic stay shall not become effective or pro-
vides for a later date of applicability.”.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO
MECT

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask
unanimous consent that the Com-
mittee on the Judiciary be authorized
to meet during the session of the Sen-
ate on Wednesday, November 17, 1999,
after the 10 a.m. vote, to conduct a
markup in Dirksen Room 226.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

PANDA TRIBUTE

Mr. CLELAND. Mr. President, I share
with my colleagues some very ex-
iting news coming out of my home
state of Georgia. Earlier this month,
two giant pandas, Lun Lun and Yang
Yang, were delivered safely by UPS
from Beijing, China to their new home
at Zoo Atlanta after a 17-hour global
journey.

Zoo Atlanta Director Dr. Terry
Maple “signed” for the special delivery
during a welcoming ceremony at At-
lanta’s Hartsfield International Air-
port with more than 200 dignitaries and
elementary school children looking on. The very special delivery brings to six the total number of rare giant pandas now residing in the United States.

I would like to recognize the special role that UPS has played in this long journey to bring the pandas to their new home. UPS became involved with the panda transport when Zoo Atlanta officials asked for their help in the construction and maintenance of the panda habitat. The UPS Foundation agreed to give $625,000 over five years to fund the habitat project at the zoo, and also agreed to provide all the logistical support necessary to move the pandas from Beijing to Atlanta.

The move involved over 100 UPS employees in six cities from around the world (Atlanta, Louisville, Anchorage, Singapore, Hong Kong and Beijing) covering travels of 7,526 miles. There were backup flight crews and a backup aircraft in place in case of health problems or mechanical failures, customs support people to smooth the process of bringing the animals onto U.S. soil, and even a UPS manager to accompany the two-person flight crew and act as load master.

UPS also flew two Chinese and one American veterinarians from Beijing to Atlanta. The animals were unloaded by UPS air gateway employees and placed in UPS package cars (the familiar brown delivery truck) that were specially marked with panda graphics. The vehicles (four trucks, two as back ups in case of mechanical problems) were driven by specially chosen Circle of Honor members, UPS drivers who have driven for 25 years or more without an accident. The package cars were outfitted with air conditioning and heating units for the animals.

This exciting new addition to the Atlanta landscape would not have been possible without the hard work, dedication and financial support of many people, especially at Zoo Atlanta and UPS. I am thrilled that Atlanta will be a fixture in the Columbia, SC community and across the state of South Carolina. Dr. George Meetze knows many people, but is known by even more for his friendliness and genuine interest in every individual he meets.

My wife, Peatsy, and I, whom Dr. George Meetze joined in marriage twenty-eight years ago, commend Inarnation Lutheran Church for conferring the title of Pastor Emeritus on Dr. George Meetze and we send our warmest congratulations to George and his family on this happy occasion.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE REV. DR. GEORGE ELIAS MEETZE

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize my good friend, the Reverend Dr. George Elias Meetze, who was recently named Pastor Emeritus of Incarnation Lutheran Church in Columbia, South Carolina.

Dr. Meetze has been serving the South Carolina community for over sixty years. He led the congregation at St. Barnabas Lutheran Church in Charleston, SC from 1934 to 1937, at Grace Lutheran Church in Prosperity, SC from 1937 to 1942 and at Incarnation Lutheran Church from 1942 to 1974. In addition, Dr. George Meetze has been the chaplain of the South Carolina Senate for fifty years.

His honors and affiliations are too numerous to list, but include leadership positions within the Lutheran Church and involvement with such organizations as the Salvation Army, The American Cancer Society, and The Rotary Club, which named him a Paul Harris Fellow in 1979. He is, as you would imagine, an active supporter of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, SC and Newberry College in Newberry, SC. A fixture in the Columbia, SC community and across the state of South Carolina, Dr. George Meetze knows many people, but is known by even more for his friendliness and genuine interest in every individual he meets.

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BRIGADIER GENERAL CLAY’S RETIREMENT

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I want to call the Senate’s attention to the recent retirement of Air Force Brigadier General John L. Clay who is retiring after 28 years of dedicated service to our country.

General Clay, a native of Utah, joined the Air Force following his graduation from the United States Air Force Academy. He has served honorably and professionally in a variety of research and development assignments encompassing armaments, missiles and space programs.

He is renowned as a developer and manager of many space systems programs and currently serves as the Director of Space and Nuclear Deterrence in the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition.

His outstanding leadership, management expertise, and foresight have been the foundation for the success of major ICBM and space force improvements and the effective use of $30 billion of the defense budget.

General Clay directed the effort to replace the Minuteman missile guidance system. This vitally important accomplishment now provides the nation with a key element of strategic deterrence capability. This was the first major modification to the Minuteman system in almost 30 years.

Additionally, he was instrumental in the comprehensive national review of our nation’s space launch program, including the innovative Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle program which has resulted in the establishment of two internationally competitive commercial families of vehicles capable of meeting government and commercial needs.

General Clay also established the Shared Early Warning System program following the September 1998 summit agreement between Presidents Clinton and Chub Akihito. The TC-25 Observatory is a cornerstone in strategic partnerships as it allows the United States and partner countries to share early warning data. It also establishes a first-ever Center for Strategic Stability in Colorado Springs and is the cornerstone of the National Reconnaissance Program and the Y2K rollover period.