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REAUTHORIZING OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION AND TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. 3381, which is at the desk.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3381) to reauthorize the Overseas Private Investment Corporation and the Trade and Development Agency, and for other purposes.

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

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 3381) was read the third time and passed.

MIAMI, FLORIDA, AS PERMANENT LOCATION FOR SECRETARIAT OF FTAA

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Finance Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 71 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 71) expressing the sense of the Congress that Miami, Florida, and not a foreign competing foreign city, should serve as the permanent location for the Secretariat of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) beginning in 2005.

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

Ms. COLLINS. 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 that any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 71) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The concurrent resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 71) to provide for the establishment of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) Secretariat, which had been reported from the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That it is the sense of the Senate that Miami, Florida, and not a foreign competing foreign city, should serve as the permanent location for the Secretariat of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) beginning in 2005.

WHEREAS the trade ministers of 34 countries of Latin America and the Caribbean totaled $36,793,000,000 in 1998; and the Caribbean has the world’s largest economy and is the leading proponent of trade liberalization throughout the world; and the city of Miami, Florida, the State of Florida, and the United States are internationally recognized as the world’s major financial center; and the FTAA Secretariat will be located in Miami, Florida, from 1999 until February 28, 2001, at which point the Secretariat will rotate to Panama City, Panama, until February 28, 2003, and then rotate to Mexico City, Mexico, until February 28, 2005; and Miami-Dade County, and the Florida cities of Miami and Dade County, and the State of Florida have been designated as the gateway for trade with the Caribbean and Latin America; and the United States possesses the necessary infrastructure, local resources, and culture necessary for the FTAA Secretariat’s permanent site; and the United States is a proponent of trade liberalization throughout the world; and the city of Miami, Florida, the State of Florida, and the United States are internationally recognized as the world’s major financial center.

CONDEMNING VIOLENCE IN CHECHNYA

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 223 and that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 223) condemning the violence in Chechnya.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the technical amendment to the preamble be agreed to, the preamble, as amended, be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The amendment (No. 279) was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, as amended, is as follows:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That it is the sense of the Senate that the People’s Republic of China has violated the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. Whereupon, the Senate approves the resolution (S. Res. 223) condemning the violence in Chechnya. Whereupon, the Senate supports negotiations on establishing the FTAA; and the resolution was not available for printing. It will appear in a future edition of the RECORD.

Whereas the People’s Republic of China has signed the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights but has yet to ratify the treaty and thereby make it legally binding; and

WHEREAS the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights is a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations, including the People’s Republic of China, a member of the United Nations; and

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WHEREAS the People’s Republic of China has signed the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights but has yet to ratify the treaty and thereby make it legally binding; and

WHEREAS the Constitution of the People’s Republic of China provides for the freedom of religious belief and the freedom not to believe;