SENATE RESOLUTION 237—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE UNITED STATES SENATE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS SHOULD HOLD HEARINGS AND THE SENATE SHOULD ACT ON THE CONVENTION OF THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN (CEDAW)

Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. FEINSTEIN, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Ms. SNOWE) submitted the following resolution; which was ordered to lie over, under the rule:

S. Res. 237

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate—

(1) the Senate Foreign Relations Committee should hold hearings on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW); and

(2) the Senate should act on CEDAW by March 8, 2000, International Women’s Day.

SENATE RESOLUTION 238—TO AUTHORIZE REPRESENTATION OF MEMBER OF THE SENATE

Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. Res. 238


Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(1) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§ 288b(a) and 288c(a)(1), the Senate may direct its counsel to defend Members of the Senate in civil actions relating to the official responsibilities: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate Legal Counsel is directed to represent Senator Hatch in the case of Brett Kimberlin v. Orrin Hatch, et al.

SENATE RESOLUTION 239—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE UNITED STATES, WHO WAS ABDUCTED FROM THE UNITED STATES, SHOULD BE RETURNED HOME TO HER MOTHER, MS. MAUREEN DABBAGH

Mr. ROBB submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. Res. 239

Whereas Mr. Mohamad Hisham Dabbagh and Mrs. Maureen Dabbagh had a daughter, Nadia Dabbagh, in 1990;

Whereas Maureen Dabbagh and Mohamad Hisham Dabbagh were divorced in February 1992;

Whereas in 1993, Nadia was abducted by her father;

Whereas Mohamad Hisham fled the United States with Nadia;

Whereas the Governments of Syria and the United States have granted child custody to Maureen Dabbagh and both have issued arrest warrants for Mohamad Dabbagh;

Whereas Mohammad Dabbagh originally escaped to Saudi Arabia;

Whereas the Department of State believed that Nadia was residing in Syria until late 1998;

Whereas the Senate passed S. Res. 293 for Nadia Dabbagh on October 21, 1998, asking Syria to aid in the return of Nadia to her mother in the United States;

Whereas in 1999, Syria invited Maureen Dabbagh to visit with her daughter;

Whereas the Department of State believes that in 1999 Nadia was moved to Saudi Arabia and is residing with Mohamad Dabbagh;

Whereas Mr. Mohamad Hisham Dabbagh and Mrs. Maureen Dabbagh have been unable to reunite with their daughter.

Whereas the Department of State, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Interpol have been unsuccessful in their attempts to bring Nadia back to the United States;

Whereas Maureen Dabbagh has not seen her daughter in more than six years;

Whereas it will take the continued effort and pressure on the part of the Saudi Arabian officials to bring this case to a successful conclusion: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that the Governments of the United States and Saudi Arabia immediately locate Nadia Dabbagh and return her safely to her mother.

Ms. Maureen Dabbagh of Virginia Beach has not seen or heard from her daughter, Nadia, in 6 years. When Nadia was just 3 years old, she was illegally abducted by her father, Mr. Mohamad Hisham Dabbagh, and the State Department believes they are currently in Saudi Arabia on temporary visas. Throughout this ordeal, Maureen Dabbagh has been aided by many caring people, groups, and government agencies, but despite FBI, State Department, and Interpol efforts, Nadia is still separated from her mother.

According to the Department of Justice, 983 children are abducted by non-custodial parents every day. I greatly sympathize with Maureen Dabbagh and with all parents facing similar situations. I believe that we, as Members of Congress and as parents, ought to use every available resource to missing and abducted children. I ask that we redouble our efforts to bring Nadia home.

SENATE RESOLUTION 240—COMMENDING STEPHEN G. BAILE, KEEPER OF THE STATIONERY

Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. Res. 240

Whereas the Senate has been advised that its Keeper of the Stationery, Stephen G. Baile, will retire on December 31, 1999;

Whereas Steve Baile became an employee of the Senate of the States of the United States on November 13, 1969, and since that date has ably and faithfully upheld the high standards and traditions of the Senate for a period that included sixteen Congresses;

Whereas Steve Baile has served with distinction as Keeper of the Stationery, and at all times has discharged the important duties and responsibilities of his office with dedication and excellence, and

Whereas his exceptional service and his unfailing dedication have earned him our esteem and affection: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it be the sense of the Senate that the Senate (a)予以