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S. CON. RES. 33—EXPRESSIONING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE NEED FOR VIGOROUS PROSECUTION OF WAR CRIMES, GENOCIDE, AND CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY IN THE FORMER REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA

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S. CON. RES. 33—Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the need for vigorous prosecution of war crimes, genocide, and crimes against humanity in the former Republic of Yugoslavia.

(Whereas the United Nations Security Council created the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (in this concurrent resolution referred to as the ICTY) by resolution on May 25, 1993; whereas, although the ICTY has indicted 84 people since its creation, these indictments have only resulted in the trial and conviction of 68 criminals; whereas the ICTY has jurisdiction to investigate: grave breaches of the 1949 Geneva Conventions (Article 2), violations of the laws or customs of war (Article 3), genocide (Article 4), and crimes against humanity (Article 5); whereas the Chief Prosecutor of the ICTY, Justice Louise Arbour, stated on July 7, 1998, to the Contact Group for the former Yugoslavia that ‘’the Prosecutor believes that the nature and scale of the fighting indicate that an ‘armed conflict’, within the meaning of international law, exists in Kosovo. As a consequence, the indictment and charging for crimes against humanity or war crimes, if evidence of such crimes is established’’; whereas reports from Kosovo Albanian refugees provided detailed accounts of systematic efforts to displace the entire Muslim population of Kosovo; whereas in furtherance of this plan, Serbian troops, police, and paramilitary forces have engaged in detention and summary execution of men of all ages, wanton destruction of civilian housing, forcible expulsions, mass executions in at least 60 villages and towns, as well as widespread organized rape of women and young girls; whereas these reports of atrocities provide prima facie evidence of war crimes, crimes against humanity, as well as genocide; whereas any criminal investigation is best served by the depositions and interviews of witnesses as soon after the commission of the crime as possible; whereas the indictment, arrest, and trial of war criminals would provide a significant deterrent to future atrocities; whereas the ICTY has issued 14 international warrants for war crimes suspects that have yet to be served, despite knowledge of the suspects whereabouts; whereas vigorous prosecution of war crimes after the conflict in Bosnia may have prevented the ongoing atrocities in Kosovo; and whereas investigative reporters have identified specific documentary evidence implicating the Serbian leadership in the commission of war crimes: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that:

(1) the United States, in coordination with other United Nations contributors, should provide sufficient resources for an expedient and thorough investigation of allegations of the atrocities and war crimes committed in Kosovo;

(2) the United States, through its intelligence services, should provide all possible cooperation in the gathering of sufficient specificity and credibility to secure the indictment of those responsible for the commission of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide in the former Yugoslavia;

(3) where evidence warrants, indictments for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide should be issued against suspects regardless of their position within the Serbian leadership;

(4) the United States and all nations have an obligation to honor arrest warrants issued by the ICTY, and the United States should use all appropriate means to apprehend war criminals already under indictment; and

(5) NATO should not accept any diplomatic resolution to the conflict in Kosovo that would bar the indictment, apprehension, or prosecution of war criminals for crimes committed during operations in Kosovo.

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, this resolution, from the Senator from Pennsylvania and me, attempts to address the serious issue of war crimes. It calls for the Senate to make its voice clear on the issue of war crimes and the prosecution of those guilty of such crimes.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

KERREY AMENDMENT NO. 376

Mr. KERREY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill (S. 1059) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 337, strike line 13 and all that follows through page 358, line 4.

ROBERTS (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 377

Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. WARNER, and Ms. SNOWE) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1059, supra; as follows:

In title X, at the end of subtitle D, add the following:

SEC. 1061. SENSE OF SENATE REGARDING LEGAL EFFECT OF THE NEW STRATEGIC CONCEPT OF NATO.

(a) SENSE OF SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that—