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Concerning the removal of Russian troops from the independent Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DECONCINI (for himself, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. WOFFORD, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. GLENN, and Mr. RIEGLE) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Concerning the removal of Russian troops from the independent Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

Whereas the armed forces of the former Soviet Union, currently under control of the Russian Federation, continue to be deployed on the territory of the sovereign and independent Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania against the wishes of the Baltic peoples and their governments;

Whereas the stationing of military forces on the territory of another sovereign state against the will of that state is contrary to international law;

Whereas the presence of Russian military forces in the Baltic States may present a destabilizing effect on the governments of these states;

Whereas the governments of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania have demanded that the Russian Federation remove such forces from their territories;

Whereas Article 15 of the July 1992 Helsinki Summit Declaration of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe specifically calls for the conclusion, without delay, of appropriate bilateral agreements, including timetables, for the “early, orderly and complete withdrawal of such foreign troops from the territories of the Baltic States”;

Whereas the United States is aware of the difficulties facing the Russian Federation in resettling Russian soldiers and their families in Russia, and that the lack of housing is a factor in the expeditious removal of Russian troops;

Whereas the United States is committed to providing assistance to the Russian Federation for construction of housing and job retraining for returning troops in an attempt to help alleviate this burden; and

Whereas the United States is encouraged by the progress achieved thus far in removal of such troops, and welcomes the agreement reached between the Russian Federation and Lithuania establishing the August 1993 deadline for troop removal: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
- 2 *concurring)*, That the Congress calls upon the Government
- 3 of the Russian Federation to continue to remove its troops
- 4 from the independent Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia,

1 and Lithuania through a firm, expeditious, and conscien-
2 tiously observed schedule.

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