

process. I applaud Attorney General Gonzales for making the prosecution of obscenity, child pornography, and other forms of child exploitation a real priority.

I understand that the Attorney General today announced arrests in several States as part of its Innocence Lost initiative against child prostitution.

I want to be very clear here.

Those who produce either actual or simulated sexually explicit material are breaking the law if that material depicts children.

The primary goal of protecting those children from such exploitation requires that all producers of sexually explicit material must keep age-related records, make those records available for inspection, and face criminal penalties if they refuse.

We have taken several concrete steps to respond to legitimate concerns from the motion picture industry and Internet companies.

We have already modified our bill several times and in several ways as a response to our meetings with the Department of Justice and affected parties.

We remain open to making further refinements in this language if it will strengthen the bill.

But that process of compromise must stop if it undermines the primary objective of protecting children from sexual exploitation or begins to make the statute unenforceable or feckless.

I hope that those who are affected by this legislation and have participated in helping us craft this bill will demonstrate their concern for protecting children by supporting this straightforward and commonsense bill.

Again, I want to thank my friend from Kansas for joining me in cosponsoring this bill and for his efforts in this area.

I hope all my colleagues will join us in strengthening this tool for protecting children.

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I applaud my colleague from Utah for helping lead the fight against child pornography. This is an issue upon which all Senators can unite, and it is a battle we must not lose.

Pornography is no longer isolated to a small segment of society. It has pervaded our culture. As we learned in a recent hearing I chaired in the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights, pornography has infiltrated homes and families and is having devastating effects. According to recent reports, 1 in 5 children between the ages of 10 and 17 have received a sexual solicitation over the Internet, and 9 out of 10 children between the ages of 8 and 16 who have Internet access have viewed porn Web sites, usually in the course of looking up information for homework.

Perhaps the ugliest aspect of the pornography epidemic is child pornography. Children as young as 5 years old are being used for profit in this fast-

growing industry. We have a duty to protect the weakest members of our society from exploitation and abuse. I believe this bill is the first step in that fight.

First, this bill will expand record-keeping requirements to those who produce soft-core, or simulated, pornography. Current law only requires that records be kept by producers of hardcore, or actual, pornography. Under this language, producers will now be required to verify the ages of their actors and keep records of such information, regardless of whether the material they produce contains actual sexual activity or only a simulation of such activity. Further, this bill will require producers of such materials to disclose such records to the Attorney General for inspection. It will make refusal to permit inspection of such records a crime. This will be effective not only as a tool in prosecutions as a means of deterrence. Producers will be less likely to use child actors if they know they may be required to disclose the ages of their actors.

Today, recordkeeping requirements apply only to "actual" sexual conduct, leaving a loophole for soft-core pornography. Such material is no less damaging to children than hardcore pornography and recordkeeping and disclosure requirements must apply to this material as well. This bill will close the current loophole.

Again, I appreciate the leadership of Senator HATCH, and I hope my colleagues will join us passing this legislation to protect children from victimization and abuse.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 335—HONORING MEMBERS OF THE RADIATION PROTECTION PROFESSION BY DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 6 THROUGH NOVEMBER 12, 2005, AS "NATIONAL RADIATION PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS WEEK."

Mr. DOMENICI submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 335

Whereas the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors has resolved that the week of November 6 through November 12, 2005, should be recognized as "National Radiation Protection Professionals Week";

Whereas, since the discovery of x rays by Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen on November 8, 1895, the use of radiation has become a vital tool for the health care, defense, security, energy, and industrial programs of the United States;

Whereas members of the radiation protection profession devote their careers to allow government, medicine, academia, and industry to safely use radiation; and

Whereas the leadership and technical expertise provided by members of the radiation protection profession has helped safeguard the public from the hazards of the use of radiation while enabling the public to reap its benefits: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of November 6 through November 12, 2005, as "National Radiation Protection Professionals Week";

(2) encourages all citizens to—

(A) recognize the importance of radiation protection professionals; and

(B) recognize the valuable resource provided by professional scientific organizations, such as—

(i) the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors;

(ii) the Health Physics Society;

(iii) the Organization of Agreement States;

(iv) the American Academy of Health Physics;

(v) the National Registry of Radiation Protection Technologists; and

(C) the American Association of Physicists in Medicine; and

(3) recognizes the tremendous contributions that radiation protection professionals and their organizations have made for the betterment of the United States and the world.

SENATE RESOLUTION 336—TO CONDEMN THE HARMFUL, DESTRUCTIVE, AND ANTI-SEMITIC STATEMENTS OF MAHMOUD AHMADINEJAD, THE PRESIDENT OF IRAN, AND TO DEMAND AN APOLOGY FOR THOSE STATEMENTS OF HATE AND ANIMOSITY TOWARDS ALL JEWISH PEOPLE OF THE WORLD

Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. TALENT, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 336

Whereas Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, the President of Iran, declared in an October 26, 2005, address at the World Without Zionism conference in Tehran that "the new wave that has started in Palestine, and we witness it in the Islamic World too, will eliminate this disgraceful stain from the Islamic World" and that Israel "must be wiped off the map";

Whereas the President of Iran told reporters on December 8th at an Islamic conference in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, "Some European countries insist on saying that Hitler killed millions of innocent Jews in furnaces...although we don't accept this claim";

Whereas Mr. Ahmadinejad then stated, "If the Europeans are honest they should give some of their provinces in Europe... to the Zionists, and the Zionists can establish their state in Europe";

Whereas on December 14, 2005, Mr. Ahmadinejad said live on Iranian television, "they have invented a myth that Jews were massacred and place this above God, religions and the prophets";

Whereas the leaders of the Islamic Republic of Iran, beginning with its founder, the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, have issued statements of hate against the United States, Israel, and Jewish peoples;

Whereas certain leaders, including Ahmadi Nezhad, and the Supreme Leader, Ali