

SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF NONDISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT TO THE PRODUCTS OF THE LAO PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC.

(a) HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE AMENDMENT.—General note 3(b) of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is amended by striking “Laos”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the effective date of a notice published in the Federal Register by the United States Trade Representative that a trade agreement obligating reciprocal most-favored-nation treatment between the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the United States has entered into force.

SEC. 3. REPORT TO CONGRESS.

The President shall submit to the Congress, not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, a report on the trade relations between the United States and the Lao People's Democratic Republic pursuant to the trade agreement described in section 2(b).

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 39

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 39, a bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to support the International Dolphin Conservation Program in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean, and for other purposes.

S. 322

At the request of Mr. GRAMS, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. DEWINE], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN], and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD] were added as cosponsors of S. 322, a bill to amend the Agricultural Market Transition Act to repeal the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact provision.

S. 539

At the request of Mr. BYRD, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 539, a bill to exempt agreements relating to voluntary guidelines governing telecast material from the applicability of the antitrust laws.

S. 727

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 727, A bil to amend the Public Health Service Act and Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans provide coverage for annual screening mammography for women 40 years of age or older if the coverage or plans include coverage for diagnostic mammography.

S. 766

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 766, a bill to require equitable coverage of prescription contraceptive drugs and devices, and contraceptive services under health plans.

S. 859

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of

S. 859, a bill to repeal the increase in tax on social security benefits.

S. 1009

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. WELLSTONE] and the Senator from Illinois [Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1009, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to increase the Federal minimum wage.

S. 1054

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. ABRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1054, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to establish, for purposes of disability determinations under such titles, a uniform minimum level of earnings, for demonstrating ability to engage in substantial gainful activity, at the level currently applicable solely to blind individuals.

S. 1083

At the request of Mr. MACK, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. COVERDELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1083, a bill to provide structure for and introduce balance into a policy of meaningful engagement with the People's Republic of China.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 30

At the request of Mr. HELMS, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. FORD] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 30, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Republic of China should be admitted to multilateral economic institutions, including the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 32

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 32, a concurrent resolution recognizing and commending American airmen held as political prisoners at the Buchenwald concentration camp during World War II for their service, bravery, and fortitude.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 45

At the request of Mr. GLENN, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN], and the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. HELMS] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 45, a concurrent resolution commending Dr. Hans Blix for his distinguished service as Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency on the occasion of his retirement.

SENATE RESOLUTION 102

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Florida [Mr. MACK], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY], and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. ABRAHAM] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 102, a resolution des-

ignating August 15, 1997, as “Indian Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Indian and American Democracy.”

AMENDMENT NO. 1027

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1027 proposed to S. 1022, an original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 46—ORIGINAL RESOLUTION REPORTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported the following original resolution; which was placed on the calendar:

S. CON. RES. 46

Whereas on July 30, 1997, two terrorist bombs exploded almost simultaneously in an open air Jerusalem market, killing at least 18 people, and wounding more than 100, and

Whereas this attack is a violent and vicious attack against the peace process and against the people of Israel: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Congress—

(1) Expresses the deep condolences of the Congress and the American people to the people of Israel for the loss of life and the serious injuries that have been suffered in the terrorist bombing in the Jerusalem market and expresses the solidarity of the American people with the people of Israel in the wake of this tragic and senseless act;

(2) Expresses the determination of the Congress to join with the government of Israel in fighting against terrorism;

(3) Urges Yasser Arafat and officials of the Palestinian Authority to do more to combat terrorism and to eliminate terrorist networks in areas under their control;

(4) Calls on Yasser Arafat and officials of the Palestinian Authority to cooperate more intensively with the Israeli government in fighting terrorism; and

(5) Reaffirms the commitment of the United States Congress to peace in the Middle East and urges all parties to work together to bring an end to terrorism and to promote lasting peace and security in the region.

THE REPREHENSIBLE BOMBING IN JERUSALEM

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, this morning, the Foreign Relations Committee approved and sent to the Senate an original resolution—Senate Concurrent Resolution 46—condemning the terrorist attack in Israel at 1:15 p.m. Wednesday afternoon, Israel time, when two terrorists entered a market in the center of Jerusalem and blew themselves up, killing at least 12 Israelis, and leaving 120 wounded, at least 20 of whom are described in critical condition.

Mr. President, the reason for this attack was probably yesterday's announcement that the peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians were about to resume. Clearly, the terrorists decided to try to derail the peace process by murdering innocent people.