

Whereas, Cambodian People's Party leader and Second Prime Minister Hun Sen staged a bloody and illegal coup against the First Prime Minister and leader of the FUNCINPEC Party, Norodom Ranariddh;

Whereas, Hun Sen maintains that the coup was necessary because elements of FUNCINPEC were on the verge of consummating a deal to bring the Khmer Rouge military and political organization into the legitimate political arena;

Whereas, Norodom Ranariddh, by contrast, has argued that FUNCINPEC had no plan to form an alliance with the Khmer Rouge and that this allegation was used as a pretext by Hun Sen for the coup;

Whereas, Norodom Ranariddh asserts instead that he was on the verge of finally destroying the Khmer Rouge and bringing them to justice;

Whereas, Norodom Ranariddh further asserts that the real reason for the coup was that Hun Sen fears that convening an international tribunal to bring the Khmer Rouge to justice would implicate Hun Sen in genocidal atrocities;

Whereas, Hun Sen has consistently argued that the top Khmer Rouge leadership—including, but not limited to Pol Pot—must be brought to justice before an international criminal tribunal;

Whereas, earlier this year, Norodom Ranariddh and Hun Sen wrote to United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan asking for "the assistance of the United Nations and the international community in bringing to justice those persons responsible for genocide and crimes against humanity during the rule of the Khmer Rouge from 1975 to 1979";

Whereas, after the coup, troops loyal to Norodom Ranariddh appear to have formed a military alliance with troops loyal to the Khmer Rouge leadership, thus reinforcing the fears of the Cambodia people that the Khmer Rouge will use any means necessary to regain power;

Whereas, peace, democracy, stability, the rule of law and national reconciliation in Cambodia are unlikely to be achieved until the Khmer Rouge are brought to justice;

Whereas, the Cambodian Genocide Justice Act states that it is the policy of the United States to support efforts to bring to justice members of the Khmer Rouge for their crimes against humanity, and in circumstances which the President deems appropriate, to encourage the establishment of an international criminal tribunal for the prosecution of those accused of genocide in Cambodia and provide such tribunal with relevant information;

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that:

(1) a primary objective of U.S. policy toward Cambodia should be the establishment of an international tribunal for the prosecution those responsible for the Cambodian genocide;

(2) in compliance with the Cambodian Genocide Justice Act and the objectives stated above, the President should immediately deem it appropriate to encourage the establishment of an international criminal tribunal for the prosecution of such members of the Khmer Rouge;

(3) in further compliance with the Cambodian Genocide Justice Act, the United States should support efforts to bring members of the Khmer Rouge—including Pol Pot—to justice for their crimes against humanity before an international tribunal, including providing that tribunal with any information available on such members' involvement in the Cambodian genocide;

(4) the Secretary of State should encourage all Member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, the People's Republic of China, Japan and other interested countries to support such a tribunal.

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I rise today on behalf of myself, Mr. THOMAS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. GRAMS to a sense-of-the-Senate resolution that the Khmer Rouge and other participants in the Cambodian genocide should be brought to justice before an international tribunal.

Just a couple of months ago, we witnessed the grotesque spectacle of a Khmer Rouge show trial of Pol Pot, the Leader of the Khmer Rouge during its genocidal reign in the 1970's. In July, Cambodian People's Party leader and Second Prime Minister Hun Sen staged a bloody coup against the First Prime Minister and leader of the FUNCINPEC Party, Norodom Ranariddh.

Hun Sen has claimed the coup was necessary because Norodom Ranariddh was attempting to gain Khmer Rouge support for his party.

Norodom Ranariddh, on the other hand, has labeled Hun Sen's allegations a false pretext for the coup. Norodom Ranariddh has also asserted that Hun Sen fears an international tribunal on the Cambodian genocide would implicate Hun Sen for atrocities he committed during his tenure as a senior Khmer Rouge official.

Finally, troops loyal to Norodom Ranariddh now appear to have formed a military alliance with troops loyal to the Khmer Rouge leadership, thus reinforcing the fears of the Cambodia people that the Khmer Rouge will use any means necessary to regain power.

These events and the assertions of the two Prime Ministers demonstrate that while the Khmer Rouge have been weakened since the Paris Peace Accords of 1991, they remain central to the continuing conflict in Cambodia. Recent events also demonstrate that the objectives of bringing peace, democracy, national reconciliation, and the rule of law to Cambodia are likely to remain out of reach until the Khmer Rouge are brought to justice.

What this resolution does, Mr. President, is make it clear that an international tribunal is essential if we are to achieve these objectives. It also points out that before the coup and before their allegations against one another about their respective involvement with the Khmer Rouge, Norodom Ranariddh and Hun Sen wrote a joint letter to U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan asking for U.N. assistance in convening such a tribunal.

We should take them up on their request because removing the Khmer Rouge as a military and political force in Cambodia is essential if we are to avoid another slide toward authoritarianism and war. I believe an international tribunal will also prevent the Khmer Rouge from succeeding in their transparent attempt to emerge as a legitimate political force in Cambodia. Indeed, at the show trial of Pol Pot they staged, the Khmer Rouge loudly proclaimed their support for liberal democracy. Other members of the Khmer Rouge have been promoting the National Solidarity Party to give

Khmer Rouge a legitimate voice in Cambodian politics.

According to the Yale Cambodian Genocide project, the principal organization documenting atrocities committed by the Khmer Rouge, such a tribunal "would soon return indictments against all or most of the current Khmer Rouge leadership.

Mr. President, the Cambodian tragedy will never end until the Khmer Rouge are brought to justice. I offer this resolution to move us closer to that goal and to demonstrate this body's continued interest in the development of a free, democratic, and peaceful Cambodia.

SENATE RESOLUTION 125—COM-
MENDING THE REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND
CULTURAL REPRESENTATIVES
OFFICE IN THE UNITED STATES

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

S. RES. 125

Whereas Dr. Jason C. Hu has served with distinction as Representative of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO) since June 1996, and has ably represented the interests of the Republic of China on Taiwan;

Whereas Dr. Hu has been a firm and consistent advocate to democratic principles throughout his distinguished career;

Whereas Dr. Hu has established many deep friendships with Members of Congress and other Americans during his tenure in Washington; and

Whereas Dr. Hu has been asked to return to Taiwan to serve as the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of China: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the Senate hereby—

(1) commends Dr. Jason C. Hu for his service as Representatives of the TECRO office; and

(2) expresses to Dr. Hu and his family its best wishes for his continued success in the future.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

FAIRCLOTH (AND BOXER)
AMENDMENT NO. 1248

Mr. FAIRCLOTH (for himself and Mrs. BOXER) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 1156) making appropriations for the Government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 2, strike all after the word "Authority" on line 11, to the end of line 12.

On page 2, line 22, before the colon, insert: "which shall be deposited into an escrow account held by the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, which shall allocate the