

Notwithstanding any provision of title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2431 et seq.), the President may—

(A) determine that such title should no longer apply to Armenia; and

(B) after making a determination under subparagraph (A) with respect to Armenia, proclaim the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of that country.

(2) TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF TITLE IV.—On or after the effective date of the extensions under paragraph (1)(B) of nondiscriminatory treatment to the products of Armenia included under paragraph (1)(B), title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 shall cease to apply to that country.

(g) PERMANENT NORMAL TRADE RELATIONS FOR AZERBAIJAN.—

(1) PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION AND EXTENSION OF NONDISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT.—Notwithstanding any provision of title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2431 et seq.), the President may—

(A) determine that such title should no longer apply to Azerbaijan; and

(B) after making a determination under paragraph (1) with respect to Azerbaijan, proclaim the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of that country.

(2) TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF TITLE IV.—On or after the effective date of the extensions under paragraph (1)(B) of nondiscriminatory treatment to the products of Azerbaijan included under paragraph (1)(B), title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 shall cease to apply to that country.

(h) PERMANENT NORMAL TRADE RELATIONS FOR TURKMENISTAN.—

(1) PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION AND EXTENSION OF NONDISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT.—Notwithstanding any provision of title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2431 et seq.), the President may—

(A) determine that such title should no longer apply to Turkmenistan; and

(B) after making a determination under subparagraph (A) with respect to Turkmenistan, proclaim the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of that country.

(2) TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF TITLE IV.—On or after the effective date of the extensions under paragraph (1)(B) of nondiscriminatory treatment to the products of Turkmenistan included under paragraph (1)(B), title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 shall cease to apply to that country.

SA. 3392 Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3386 proposed by Mr. DASCHLE to the bill (H.R. 3009) to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, to grant additional trade benefits under that Act, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

Whereas the American people respect the Iranian people, and value the contribution that Iran's culture has made to world civilization over three millennia:

Whereas the Iranian people aspire to democracy, civil, political and religious rights and the rule of law, evidence by increasingly frequent anti-government and anti-Khatami demonstrations within Iran and the statements of numerous Iranian expatriates and dissidents;

Whereas Iran is an ideological dictatorship presided over by an unelected Supreme Lead-

er with limitless veto power, an unelected Expediency Council and Council of Guardians capable of eviscerating any reforms, and a President elected only after the aforementioned disqualified 234 other candidates for being too liberal, reformist, or secular;

Whereas the United States recognizes the Iranian peoples' concerns that President Muhammad Khatami's rhetoric has not been matched by his actions;

Whereas President Khatami clearly lacks the ability and inclination to change the behavior of the State either toward the vast majority of Iranians who seek freedom; or toward the international community;

Whereas political repression, newspaper censorship, corruption, vigilante intimidation, arbitrary imprisonment of students, and public executions have increased since Khatami's inauguration in 1997;

Whereas men and women are not equal under the law and women are legally deprived of their basic rights;

Whereas the Iranian government shipped 50-tons of sophisticated weaponry to the Palestinian Authority despite Chairman's Arafat's cease-fire agreement, consistently seeks to undermine the Middle East peace process; provides safe-haven to al-Qa'ida and Taliban terrorists; allows transit of arms for guerillas seeking to undermine our ally Turkey; provides transit of terrorists seeking to destabilize the U.S.-protected safe-haven in Iraq; and develop weapons of mass destruction;

Whereas since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and despite rhetorical protestations to the contrary, the Islamic Republic has actively and repeatedly sought to undermine the United States' war on terror;

Whereas there is a broad-base movement for change in Iran that represents all sectors of Iranian society, including youth, women, student bodies, military personnel, and even religious figures, that is pro-democratic, believes in secular government, and is yearning to live in freedom;

Whereas following the tragedies of September 11, tens of thousands of Iranians filled the streets spontaneously and in solidarity with the United States and the victims of the terrorist attacks;

Whereas the people of Iran deserve the support of the American people: Now therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the Sense of the Congress that—

(1) legitimizing the regime in Iran stifles the growth of the genuine democratic forces in Iran and does not serve U.S. national security interest;

(2) positive U.S. gestures toward Iran should be directed toward the people of Iran, and not political figures whose survival depends upon preservation of the current regime;

(3) it should be the policy of the United States to seek genuine democratic government that will restore freedom to the Iranian people, abandon terrorism, and live in peace and security with the international community.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the full committee of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Wednesday, May 8, 2002, at 9:30 a.m., in

room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on the nomination of Guy F. Caruso to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration.

Those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Attn: Majority Staff, 264 Dirksen Senate Office Building, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510.

For further information, please contact Sam Fowler on 202-224-7571 or Amanda Goldman on 202-224-6836.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 2, 2002, at 10 a.m., to conduct an oversight hearing on "Bringing More Unbanked Americans Into the Financial Mainstream."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 2, 2002, at 10:15 a.m., to hold a hearing titled, "Protecting U.S. Citizens Abroad From Terrorism".

Agenda

Witnesses

Panel 1: Mr. Peter Bergin, Principal Deputy Assistant for Diplomatic Security and Director of the Diplomatic Security Service, Department of State, Washington, DC, and Ms. Dianne Andruch, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Overseas Citizens Services, Department of State, Washington, DC.

Panel 2: Mr. Frank Smyth, Washington Representative, the Committee to Protect Journalists, Washington, DC; the Honorable Vernon Penner, Vice President for Corporate International Services, Crisis Management Worldwide, Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Overseas Citizens Services, Annapolis, MD; Mr. Thomas P. Ondeck, President, GlobalOptions, Inc., Washington, DC; and Dr. Sheryl E. Spivack, Assistant Professor of Tourism Studies, George Washington University, Washington, DC.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, May 2, 2002, at 9:10 a.m., for the purpose of conducting a business meeting to consider the nomination of Paul A. Quander, Jr. to be Director of the District of Columbia Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency.