

Under the terms of a foreign claims settlement agreement between the United States and Hungary, the Nierenberg family received limited compensation for some, but not all, of the stolen property. That agreement provided that the Nierenberg family was free to seek compensation for or restitution of other stolen property.

In 1997, a Hungarian government committee affirmed that two Hungarian government museums possessed artwork belonging to the Nierenberg family. Unfortunately, to this day, it remains in these museums. As I have asked before, why would the Hungarian government insist on retaining custody of artwork stolen by the Nazis when it could return it to its rightful owner? It is entirely within the Hungarian government's capacity to make this gesture, and I still hope that they will do so—especially bearing in mind Hungary's own efforts to recover looted art from other countries.

Second, I deeply regret that the question of private property compensation in Poland is still a necessary topic of discussion. Poland is singular in that it is the only country in central Europe that has not adopted any general private property compensation or restitution law.

I know a draft private property compensation bill is currently being considered by the Polish Government. I also know that, in the 20 years since the fall of communism, Poland has tabled roughly half a dozen bills on this—all of which have failed. It would be great to see meaningful movement on this before the meeting in Prague, but this will not come about without meaningful leadership from both the government and the parliament.

Finally, when I was in the Czech Republic last year, I expressed my disappointment to Czech officials, including to Jan Kohout who was just appointed Foreign Minister on May, that the Czech framework for making a property restitution claim effectively excludes those who fled Czechoslovakia and received both refuge and citizenship in the U.S. The United Nations Human Rights Committee has repeatedly argued that this violates the non-discrimination provision of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. This could be fixed, I believe, by re-opening the deadline for filing claims, as Czech parliamentarians Jiri Karas and Pavel Tollner recommended as long ago as 1999.

The Holocaust left a scar that will not be removed by the Prague conference. But this upcoming gathering provides an opportunity for governments to make tangible and meaningful progress in addressing this painful chapter of history. I commend the Czech Republic for taking on the leadership of organizing this meeting and urge President Obama to send a high-level U.S. official to represent the U.S. at the conference.

I am honored that the senior Senator from Indiana, who is the Ranking

Member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, is cosponsoring this resolution, as is the senior Senator from Florida.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1130. Mr. DODD proposed an amendment to amendment SA 1058 proposed by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill H.R. 627, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish fair and transparent practices relating to the extension of credit under an open end consumer credit plan, and for other purposes.

SA 1131. Mr. INOUE (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2346, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes.

SA 1132. Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. COBURN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. ENZI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2346, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1133. Mr. INOUE (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. ROBERTS) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2346, supra.

SA 1134. Mr. SHELBY (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2346, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1135. Mr. SHELBY (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. GREGG, Mr. BENNETT, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. VITTER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2346, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1136. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2346, supra.

SA 1137. Mr. INOUE proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2346, supra.

SA 1138. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2346, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1139. Mr. CORNYN proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2346, supra.

SA 1140. Mr. BROWNBACK proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2346, supra.

SA 1141. Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. HARKIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2346, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1142. Mr. BAUCUS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2346, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1143. Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. BOND) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2346, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1144. Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. BURR) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2346, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1130. Mr. DODD proposed an amendment to amendment SA 1058 proposed by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill H.R. 627, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish fair and transparent practices relating to the extension of credit under an

open end consumer credit plan, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 3, beginning on line 17, strike "(other than)" and all that follows through "indexed)" on line 21 and insert the following: "(except in the case of an increase described in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of section 171(b))".

On page 6, strike lines 9 through 12 and insert the following:

(2) an increase in a variable annual percentage rate in accordance with a credit card agreement that provides for changes in the rate according to operation of an index that is not under the control of the creditor and is available to the general public;

On page 6, line 13, insert "the completion of a workout or temporary hardship arrangement by the obligor or" after "due to".

On page 6, line 15, strike "provided that the" and insert the following: "provided that—

"(A) the".

On page 6, line 20, strike "; or" and insert the following: "; and

(B) the creditor has provided the obligor, prior to the commencement of such arrangement, with clear and conspicuous disclosure of the terms of the arrangement (including any increases due to such completion or failure); or

On page 7, line 7, insert "on time" after "payments".

On page 7, line 12, insert "on time" after "payments".

On page 10, line 13, strike "or (2)" and insert ", (2), (3), or (4)".

On page 12, line 15, strike "limit-fee" and insert "limit fee".

On page 14, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

(7) RESTRICTION ON FEES CHARGED FOR AN OVER-THE-LIMIT TRANSACTION.—With respect to a credit card account under an open end consumer credit plan, an over-the-limit fee may be imposed only once during a billing cycle if the credit limit on the account is exceeded, and an over-the-limit fee, with respect to such excess credit, may be imposed only once in each of the 2 subsequent billing cycles, unless the consumer has obtained an additional extension of credit in excess of such credit limit during any such subsequent cycle or the consumer reduces the outstanding balance below the credit limit as of the end of such billing cycle.

On page 15, line 10, strike "over the limit" and insert "over-the-limit".

On page 27, strike line 3 and all that follows through page 30, line 12 and insert the following:

(c) GUIDELINES REQUIRED.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Board shall issue guidelines, by rule, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, for the establishment and maintenance by creditors of a toll-free telephone number for purposes of providing information about accessing credit counseling and debt management services, as required under section 127(b)(11)(B)(iv) of the Truth in Lending Act, as added by this section.

(2) APPROVED AGENCIES.—Guidelines issued under this subsection shall ensure that referrals provided by the toll-free number referred to in paragraph (1) include only those nonprofit budget and credit counseling agencies approved by a United States bankruptcy trustee pursuant to section 111(a) of title 11, United States Code.

At the end of title I, add the following:

SEC. 109. CONSIDERATION OF ABILITY TO REPAY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3 of the Truth in Lending Act (15 U.S.C. 1666 et seq.), as amended by this title, is amended by adding at the end the following: