

SENATE RESOLUTION 428—EX-  
PRESSING CONCERN ABOUT VIOLATIONS OF CIVIL LIBERTIES TAKING PLACE IN VENEZUELA AND COMMENDING THE PEOPLE OF VENEZUELA FOR THEIR STEADFAST SUPPORT OF DEMOCRACY

Mr. LEMIEUX (for himself and Mr. COBURN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

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Whereas since his election as the President of Venezuela in 1998, Hugo Chávez has systematically weakened democratic institutions in Venezuela by restricting individual rights and the activities of political parties, discouraging the free exchange of ideas, and centralizing and expanding the powers of the Executive over the other branches of government and the people of Venezuela;

Whereas Article 57 of the Constitution of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela guarantees the right of all citizens to freely express their thoughts and opinions;

Whereas Article 68 of the Constitution of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela guarantees the right of all citizens to peacefully demonstrate and prohibits the use of firearms or toxic substances to control peaceful demonstrations;

Whereas on May 24, 2007, the Senate approved by unanimous consent Senate Resolution 211, 110th Congress, expressing profound concern about the transgression against freedom of thought and expression that was being carried out in Venezuela by the refusal of President Chávez to renew the broadcasting license of "Radio Caracas Televisión", also known as RCTV;

Whereas on May 24, 2007, the European Parliament adopted a Resolution criticizing the non-renewal of the RCTV license for undermining the right of the press to hold the authorities to account;

Whereas Venezuela and Cuba are the only 2 Western Hemisphere countries listed in the United States Commission for International Religious Freedom "Watch List" as countries requiring close monitoring due to the nature and extent of violation of religious freedom engaged in or tolerated by their governments;

Whereas the 2009 Report of the United States Commission for International Religious Freedom states that in Venezuela, "religious communities and leaders viewed as political opponents are routinely targeted and harassed by government officials;

Whereas several international human rights organizations have consistently expressed serious concerns regarding weakening of respect for human rights in Venezuela;

Whereas on January 24, 2010, President Chávez ordered what amounted to a shutdown of "Radio Caracas Televisión Internacional" due to its failure to air one of his speeches;

Whereas on the night of January 25, 2010, 2 students were killed and 5 others were injured by gunfire during peaceful demonstrations against the order by President Chávez to shutdown RCTV Internacional;

Whereas the Government of Venezuela has increasingly failed to address the legitimate needs of its people for greater economic, political, and social opportunities and has aggravated political divisions in Venezuela; and

Whereas the Government of Venezuela has engaged in a military build-up that goes beyond the reasonable security concerns of the Venezuelan state and threatens to launch a

destabilizing regional arms race: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) condemns the recurring and ongoing repression of peaceful demonstrators in Venezuela by security forces and government-affiliated groups;

(2) mourns the loss of life resulting from actions taken by authorities in Venezuela to violently disband peaceful protestors, including the students killed on January 25, 2010, during demonstrations against President Chávez's decision to shutdown "Radio Caracas Televisión Internacional";

(3) urges both the people and the Government of Venezuela to choose a path towards democracy, transparency, and tolerance in order to begin the process of achieving national reconciliation and a rebuilding of democratic institutions in their country;

(4) urges the people of Venezuela to remain vigilant against further encroachments on their constitutional and internationally-recognized civil and human rights;

(5) urges President Barack Obama to clearly reject and call attention to the violent measures taken by authorities in Venezuela against citizens who are exercising their constitutionally guaranteed civil liberties;

(6) urges the United States Ambassador to the Organization of American States to call on the member states of the Organization of American States to investigate events taking place in Venezuela and adopt the necessary measures to ensure the Government of Venezuela abides by its commitments under the Inter-American Democratic Charter; and

(7) urges President Obama to provide robust support for peaceful civil society groups in Venezuela and to take measures that protect the flow of uncensored information among the people of Venezuela.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3335. Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. COCHRAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 4213, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3336. Mr. BAUCUS proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 4213, supra.

SA 3337. Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mrs. MCCASKILL) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3336 proposed by Mr. BAUCUS to the bill H.R. 4213, supra.

SA 3338. Mr. THUNE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3336 proposed by Mr. BAUCUS to the bill H.R. 4213, supra.

SA 3339. Mr. WARNER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4213, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3340. Mr. WARNER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4213, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3341. Mr. WARNER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4213, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3342. Mr. WEBB (for himself and Mrs. BOXER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4213, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3343. Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3336 proposed by Mr. BAUCUS to the bill H.R. 4213, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3344. Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) submitted an

amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3336 proposed by Mr. BAUCUS to the bill H.R. 4213, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3345. Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3336 proposed by Mr. BAUCUS to the bill H.R. 4213, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

**SA 3335.** Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. WICKER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 4213, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

After section 185, insert the following:

**SEC. 186. EXTENSION OF LOW-INCOME HOUSING CREDIT RULES FOR BUILDINGS IN GO ZONES.**

Section 1400N(c)(5) is amended by striking "January 1, 2011" and inserting "January 1, 2013".

**SA 3336.** Mr. BAUCUS proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 4213, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; AMENDMENT OF 1986 CODE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the "American Workers, State, and Business Relief Act of 2010".

(b) **AMENDMENT OF 1986 CODE.**—Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(c) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; amendment of 1986 Code; table of contents.

**TITLE I—EXTENSION OF EXPIRING PROVISIONS**

**Subtitle A—Energy**

Sec. 101. Alternative motor vehicle credit for new qualified hybrid motor vehicles other than passenger automobiles and light trucks.

Sec. 102. Incentives for biodiesel and renewable diesel.

Sec. 103. Credit for electricity produced at certain open-loop biomass facilities.

Sec. 104. Credit for refined coal facilities.

Sec. 105. Credit for production of low sulfur diesel fuel.

Sec. 106. Credit for producing fuel from coke or coke gas.

Sec. 107. New energy efficient home credit.

Sec. 108. Excise tax credits and outlay payments for alternative fuel and alternative fuel mixtures.

Sec. 109. Special rule for sales or dispositions to implement FERC or State electric restructuring policy for qualified electric utilities.

Sec. 110. Suspension of limitation on percentage depletion for oil and gas from marginal wells.