

Whereas, in response to the Republic of Moldova signing and ratifying the Association Agreement with the European Union, the Government of the Russian Federation has banned additional agricultural products and threatened to curtail the supply of energy resources to the Republic of Moldova, expel Moldova from the Commonwealth of Independent States free trade zone, and impose stricter labor migration policies on the people of the Republic of Moldova;

Whereas the Government of the Russian Federation maintains a contingent of Russian troops and a stockpile of Russian military equipment and ammunition within the Moldovan region of Transnistria;

Whereas the Government of Russia has been actively issuing Russian passports to the residents of the Transnistria region in the Republic of Moldova;

Whereas the Council of Europe, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), and the Government of the Republic of Moldova have called upon the Government of the Russian Federation to remove its troops from the territory of the Republic of Moldova;

Whereas authorities in the Republic of Moldova's Transnistria region have restricted the access of OSCE Mission to Moldova monitors to the Transnistria region, thereby preventing the Mission from providing impartial reporting on the security situation in the region;

Whereas the House of Representatives and the Senate both passed, by an overwhelming majority, and the President signed into law the Act relating to "United States International Programming to Ukraine and Neighboring Regions", approved April 3, 2014 (Public Law 113-96; 22 U.S.C. 6211 note), providing for a United States international broadcast programming surge to counter misinformation from Russian-supported news outlets and ensuring that Russian-speaking populations in Ukraine and Moldova have access to independent news and information; and

Whereas Moldova has been a valued and reliable partner in promoting global security by participating in United Nations peacekeeping missions in Liberia, Cote d'Ivoire, Sudan, Georgia, and Kosovo: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) reaffirms that it is the policy of the United States Government to support the sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova and the inviolability of its borders;

(2) supports the Strategic Dialogue as a means to strengthen relations between the Republic of Moldova and the United States and to enhance the democratic, economic, and security reforms already being implemented by the Republic of Moldova;

(3) urges the President to consider increasing security and intelligence cooperation with the Government of Moldova;

(4) encourages the President and the Secretary of State to enhance United States cooperation with the Government of the Republic of Moldova and civil society organizations and to focus assistance on rule of law, anti-corruption efforts, energy security, and improving trade relations and investment opportunities;

(5) supports increased educational exchanges between the United States and the Republic of Moldova;

(6) encourages the President to expedite the implementation of the Act relating to "United States International Programming to Ukraine and Neighboring Regions", approved April 3, 2014 (Public Law 113-96; 22 U.S.C. 6211 note), especially because it relates to populations in Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova;

(7) affirms the Republic of Moldova's sovereign right to determine its own partnerships free of external coercion and pressure, and affirms the Republic of Moldova's right to associate with the European Union and any other regional organization;

(8) urges the European Union to continue to work for greater political, economic, and social integration with the Republic of Moldova;

(9) calls on the Government of the Russian Federation to refrain from using economic coercion against the Republic of Moldova, cease support for separatist movements in the territory of the Republic of Moldova, and fulfill its commitments made at the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) 1999 summit in Istanbul to withdraw its military forces and munitions from within the internationally recognized territory of the Republic of Moldova;

(10) supports constructive engagement and confidence-building measures between the Government of the Republic of Moldova and the authorities in the Transnistria region in order to secure a peaceful, comprehensive resolution to the conflict that respects the Republic of Moldova's sovereignty and territorial integrity;

(11) urges officials in the Transnistrian region to allow OSCE Mission to Moldova monitors unrestricted access to that region;

(12) discourages any unilateral actions that may undermine efforts to achieve a peaceful resolution, as well as the agreements already reached, and encourages leaders of the Transnistrian region to resume negotiations toward a political settlement; and

(13) affirms that lasting stability and security in Europe is a key priority for the United States Government which can only be achieved if the territorial integrity and sovereignty of all European countries is respected.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 39—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING SUPPORT FOR VOLUNTARY, INCENTIVE-BASED, PRIVATE LAND CONSERVATION IMPLEMENTED THROUGH COOPERATION WITH LOCAL SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. DONNELLY) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:

S. CON. RES. 39

Whereas over 70 percent of the contiguous United States is privately owned;

Whereas the future of the environment is determined by the decisions made by the men and women who own and manage that land, including urban landscapes;

Whereas world population is projected to reach 9,000,000,000 people by 2050;

Whereas increased production will be needed from agricultural land to feed the increasing population;

Whereas meeting these needs will make caring for the environment more difficult; and

Whereas landowners work to ensure they sustain a healthy environment to support abundant wildlife: Now, therefore, be it

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

(1) Congress supports the conservation of the Nation's natural resources and working lands; and

(2) it is the sense of Congress that voluntary, incentive-based, private land con-

servation, provided in partnership with local conservation districts, is necessary to sustain natural resources, meet the needs of a growing population, and ensure safe, abundant, and adequate resources for current and future generations.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3531. Mr. PRYOR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2363, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3532. Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. GRASSLEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2363, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3533. Mr. VITTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2363, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3534. Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. BURR, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. WALSH, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HEINRICH, and Ms. AYOTTE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2363, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3535. Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. BURR, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. ALEXANDER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2363, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3536. Mr. TOOMEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2363, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3537. Mr. LEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2363, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3538. Mr. JOHANNIS (for himself and Mrs. FISCHER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2363, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3539. Mr. HOEVEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2363, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3540. Mrs. GILLIBRAND submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2363, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3541. Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. WARNER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2363, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3542. Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. CRAPO) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2363, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3543. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2363, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3544. Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. TESTER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2363, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3545. Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. BARRASSO) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2363, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3546. Mr. WALSH (for himself, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mr. HEINRICH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3456 submitted by