

**SEC. 3. DISTRESSED, AT-RISK, AND ECONOMICALLY STRONG COUNTIES.**

Section 14526(a)(1) of title 40, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as subparagraph (C);

(2) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and” at the end; and

(3) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the following:

“(B) designate as ‘at-risk counties’ those counties in the Appalachian region that are most at risk of becoming economically distressed; and”.

**SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

Section 14703 of title 40, United States Code, is amended by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts made available under section 14501, there are authorized to be appropriated to the Appalachian Regional Commission to carry out this subtitle—

“(1) \$95,200,000 for fiscal year 2007;

“(2) \$98,600,000 for fiscal year 2008;

“(3) \$102,000,000 for fiscal year 2009;

“(4) \$105,700,000 for fiscal year 2010; and

“(5) \$109,400,000 for fiscal year 2011.”.

**SEC. 5. TERMINATION.**

Section 14704 of title 40, United States Code, is amended by striking “2006” and inserting “2011”.

**SEC. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The amendments made by this Act take effect on October 1, 2006.

# CONDEMNING THE MURDER OF U.S. JOURNALIST PAUL KLEBNIKOV ON JULY 9, 2004, IN MOSCOW, AND THE MURDERS OF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 526 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 526) condemning the murder of U.S. journalist Paul Klebnikov on July 9, 2004, in Moscow, and the murders of other members of the media in the Russian Federation.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, the preamble be agreed to, and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD, without intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 526) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 526

Whereas, on July 9, 2004, United States journalist Paul Klebnikov was murdered by gunmen as he exited the Moscow offices of Forbes Magazine;

Whereas no person has been convicted of any offense in connection with the murder of Mr. Klebnikov;

Whereas Mr. Klebnikov is survived by his wife Helen and his 3 young children;

Whereas 12 journalists have been murdered in the Russian Federation since 2000 and Mr. Klebnikov was the first and only citizen of the United States among those journalists;

Whereas the Office of the Russian Prosecutor General arrested and tried Musa Vahaev and Kazbek Dukzov for the murder of Mr. Klebnikov;

Whereas Musa Vahaev and Kazbek Dukzov were acquitted on May 5, 2006, of the charges of murdering Mr. Klebnikov;

Whereas the Government of Russia has stated that the murder of Mr. Klebnikov was ordered by Khozh-Akhmed Nukhayeve, a fugitive Chechen criminal gang leader, but has not publicly released any evidence of the complicity of Mr. Nukhayeve;

Whereas it remains unclear who ordered the murder of Mr. Klebnikov or if any party will be convicted of that crime;

Whereas the attorneys that represented the Klebnikov family have alleged that numerous procedural violations occurred during the trial;

Whereas a group of investigative journalists from the United States has launched an independent inquiry into the death of Mr. Klebnikov;

Whereas the 2005 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices published by the Department of State indicated that the Government of Russia had continued to weaken the independence and freedom of expression of the media industry of Russia, particularly among the major national television networks and regional media outlets of that country; and

Whereas, on June 4, 2006, President Putin told a conference of the World Association of Newspapers that “A progressive state requires a free press.”; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) condemns—

(A) the murder of United States journalist Paul Klebnikov on July 9, 2004, in Moscow; and

(B) the murders of other members of the media in the Russian Federation;

(2) commends the Office of the Russian Prosecutor General for its continuing investigation of the murder of Mr. Klebnikov;

(3) urges the Government of Russia—

(A) to continue its inquiries to determine all parties involved in the murder of Mr. Klebnikov; and

(B) to bring those parties responsible for the murder of Mr. Klebnikov to justice;

(4) urges the Government of Russia to accept offers of assistance with the investigation of the murder of Mr. Klebnikov from—

(A) the United States; and

(B) other concerned governments;

(5) urges the Government of Russia, upon request, to extend appropriate assistance to investigative journalists who have started to conduct independent inquiries relating to the death of Mr. Klebnikov, to the extent that such assistance conforms with the privacy safeguards and the laws of Russia; and

(6) urges the Government of Russia to take appropriate action to protect the independence and freedom of—

(A) the media of Russia; and

(B) all visiting members of the media.

## ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2006

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9 a.m. on Wednesday, July 26. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the

morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 3711, the Gulf of Mexico energy security bill, with the time until 10 a.m. to be equally divided between the two leaders or their designees; further, at 10, the Senate proceed to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 3711; further, that following the vote, the Senate will recess until 12 noon for the joint meeting with Prime Minister of Iraq.

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

## PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, we will be voting on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to the Gulf of Mexico energy security bill. As has been pointed out over the course of the day, this bill is a very important issue which will open up to deep sea exploration over a billion barrels of oil and over 5 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, enough energy to supply 6 million homes for 15 years—a very important bill. It is bipartisan. We will be voting tomorrow morning on this motion to proceed. I do hope that cloture will be invoked and that we are then able to reach an agreement on when to start debate on the substance of that bill.

I remind Senators that after that 10 a.m. cloture vote, we will proceed to the Hall of the House of Representatives to hear the remarks of Prime Minister Maliki of Iraq.

Before we close, I again thank Senator ENSIGN for his tremendous leadership and work on this child custody protection bill. I thank all of our colleagues for working together in a bipartisan way to reach an agreement which allowed us to finish this bill in short order, in an organized way.

As my colleagues just heard, we feel strongly that we should proceed tonight in the usual fashion to go to conference. This bill passed by 65 to 34 tonight. We are expressing the strong support of this Senate.

The House, as I mentioned earlier, passed their child custody protection bill on April 27, 2005, and as is customary and is routine, we would go to conference. The Democrats have objected to going to conference. We will continue to try to go to conference over the next several days. I am deeply disappointed by that. I hope, as I said earlier, that this is not a sign that they are going to obstruct this bill at this point, at the level of conference, after this Senate has spoken overwhelmingly in support of this bill.

## ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I

ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:27 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, July 26, 2006, at 9 a.m.

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#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate July 25, 2006:

#### OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

DIANNE I. MOSS, OF COLORADO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 17, 2007, VICE JOHN L. MORRISON, TERM EXPIRED.

#### INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

MARGRETHE LUNDSAGER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNITED STATES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS, VICE NANCY P. JACKLIN, TERM EXPIRED.

#### PEACE CORPS

RONALD A. TSCHETTER, OF MINNESOTA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE PEACE CORPS, VICE GADDI H. VASQUEZ, RESIGNED.

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#### CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate Tuesday, July 25, 2006:

#### THE JUDICIARY

JEROME A. HOLMES, OF OKLAHOMA, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE TENTH CIRCUIT.