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1           The committee met, pursuant to notice, at 3:06 p.m., in Room S-116, Capitol  
2 Building, Hon. Robert Menendez, chairman of the committee, presiding.

3           **PRESENT:** Senators Menendez [presiding], Boxer, Cardin, Casey, Shaheen, Coons,  
4 Durbin, Murphy, Kaine, Corker, Johnson, and Flake.

## **OPENING STATEMENT OF HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ, U.S. SENATOR FROM NEW JERSEY**

5           **THE CHAIRMAN.** Thank you all for coming.

6           We are still waiting for a couple of members in terms of having a voting quorum,  
7 but we have a quorum for the purposes of starting. I felt that in honor of all of those  
8 who got here on time, we will go through the process, lay out some of these arguments,  
9 and then when we get to an appropriate quorum, we will start voting.

10           We have a number of items on the agenda today, including two bills, five  
11 resolutions, and several nominations. We begin with S. 559, the Justice for Former  
12 American Hostages in Iran Act, which establishes a fund in Treasury to satisfy the  
13 claims and make payments to Americans held hostage in Iran between November 3rd  
14 of '79 and January 20th of 1981.

1           This is a bill that was introduced by Senator Isakson with Senator Blumenthal as  
2 a cosponsor. I have introduced a substitute amendment that was drafted in close  
3 consultation with Senator Isakson and Senator Corker's staff, and I want to thank them  
4 for their leadership and assistance on this important issue.

5           This amendment keeps the innovative framework of the original bill by linking  
6 funding to compensate the former hostages with violations of U.S.-Iran sanctions law.  
7 It ensures that the compensation amounts are consistent with the past practice of the era  
8 of hostage compensation.

9           And with that, let me turn to Senator Corker. And as I do, let me emphasize that  
10 the 52 Americans held hostage in the United States embassy in Tehran faced unique  
11 circumstances in seeking appropriate redress in that the Algiers Accords barred them  
12 from pursuing legal action. That is why this bill is so important. That is why the way it  
13 is structured is so important.

14           I urge my colleagues to support it. Senator Corker?

15           **Senator Corker.** Briefly, thanks for pointing out the complexities and the reason  
16 it must be dealt with this way.

17           And I want to thank Senator Isakson for his dogged pursuit of this, but also for  
18 the way he has worked with both the majority and minority staff.

1           So I recommend support, too, and I hope we will vote on it. I will point out to  
2 the chairman — I went to public schools in Tennessee — we now have 10 folks. Okay,  
3 so —

4           [Laughter.]

5           **The Chairman.** I went to public schools, too, and it still counts to 10.

6           All right. With that, since there are now 10 members, is there anyone who  
7 wishes to address this particular legislation?

8           [No response.]

9           **The Chairman.** If not, then all those in favor, say aye.

10          [A chorus of ayes.]

11          **The Chairman.** Those opposed, say nay.

12          **Senator Corker.** Paul wants to be recorded no on that. Senator Paul.

13          **The Chairman.** Okay. On the amendment? Or on the final passage?

14          **Senator Corker.** On what we just did with that one, yes.

15          **The Chairman.** Okay. The ayes have it, and the amendment is agreed to.

16          If there is any other amendment?

17          [No response.]

18          **The Chairman.** If there is not, then I ask for a recorded vote on the legislation, as  
19 amended.

20          All those in favor, say aye.

1 [A chorus of ayes.]

2 **The Chairman.** Opposed, say nay.

3 [No response.]

4 **The Chairman.** The ayes have it, and Senator Paul will be listed in the —

5 **Senator Corker.** No, on Senator Paul, by proxy.

6 **The Chairman.** Yes, and Senator Paul is listed in the negative.

7 The second legislation is S. 718, the Increasing American Jobs Through Greater  
8 Exports to Africa Act of 2013.

9 Senator Durbin, I appreciate your work with my staff and other members of the  
10 committee to perfect this legislation. The bill is pretty straightforward. It creates jobs in  
11 the United States by expanding efforts to increase U.S. exports to Africa by 200 percent  
12 in real dollar value within 10 years.

13 Africa is home to 6 of the 10 fastest-growing economies in the world, and Sub-  
14 Saharan Africa is projected to have the fastest-growing economies in the world over the  
15 next 10 years. And we need to help U.S. businesses seize the opportunity, and this bill  
16 does just that.

17 And so, are there any other members seeking recognition? Senator Durbin?

18 **Senator Durbin:** I want to thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Senator Coons,  
19 Cardin, and Casey, and Senator Flake for some suggestions.

1           Senator Corker, we worked with your staff and made a couple modifications  
2 relative to the Export-Import Bank, and I will no longer have to offer a second-degree  
3 amendment. I think, frankly, that that takes care of concerns that have been addressed.

4           I will just leave it at this. Supported by the Chamber of Commerce and the AFL-  
5 CIO, the Corporate Council on Africa, and the National Small Business Association. We  
6 passed this out of here once before. One of our colleagues came to the floor, very  
7 forthrightly said, "I don't believe Government should be involved in encouraging  
8 exports to Africa."

9           We are competing with China. Their government is personally involved in  
10 dramatically increasing exports and imports from Africa. If we are going to play on a  
11 level playing field, we have got to be more aggressive and coordinated. That is what  
12 this amendment tries to do.

13           **THE CHAIRMAN.** Will you offer your amendment at this time?

14           **Senator Durbin:** I offer my first degree in the nature of a substitute, makes a few  
15 edits to note the competitiveness of U.S. energy expertise. I urge its support.

16           As I noted, I am withdrawing my second-degree amendment.

17           **THE CHAIRMAN.** Let me recognize Senator Corker.

18           **SENATOR CORKER.** Yes, I want to thank Senator Durbin for his, again, dogged effort  
19 here. I know he tried to pass it last year. It came very close.

1           And I also want to thank him for the way he has worked with us. I think there is  
2 one change that we have agreed to prior to it going to the floor. I know your staff is  
3 shaking their head.

4           And thank you for working with us in that way.

5           **THE CHAIRMAN.** Senator Coons, chairman of the Africa subcommittee?

6           **SENATOR COONS.** I would just like to commend Senator Durbin for his tremendous  
7 work on this piece of legislation.

8           We just confirmed, I believe, by vote in the Senate, a new Secretary of Commerce.  
9 Our President is departing on his first significant trip across the whole continent of  
10 Africa, and I think we will see some significant increase in the tempo of engagement by  
11 the administration with what is, I think, one of the most promising areas of economic  
12 activity for the United States.

13           Senator Durbin has been an effective and persistent and engaged leader in  
14 raising this issue in front of the subcommittee in pressing this legislation forward, and I  
15 am honored to be able to support his bill today.

16           **SENATOR DURBIN:** Thanks.

17           **THE CHAIRMAN.** Is there any other member who wishes to address this legislation?

18           [No response.]

19           **THE CHAIRMAN.** If not, I urge a voice vote on the first degree, the amendment in the  
20 nature of a substitute.

1 All those in favor will say aye.

2 [A chorus of ayes.]

3 **THE CHAIRMAN.** All those opposed will say no.

4 **SENATOR CORKER.** Paul wants to be recorded no.

5 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Senator Paul will be recorded as no.

6 The ayes have it. The amendment is agreed to.

7 I urge a voice vote on the final passage of the legislation.

8 All those in favor will say aye.

9 [A chorus of ayes.]

10 **THE CHAIRMAN.** All those opposed will say no.

11 **SENATOR CORKER.** Same with Paul.

12 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Senator Paul will be registered as a no.

13 The ayes have it, and the legislation is adopted.

14 Now we have a number of resolutions. S. Res. 144, a resolution concerning the  
15 conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

16 Senator Coons, I understand you have an offer of an amendment to the  
17 resolution. Would you like to speak to that?

18 **SENATOR COONS.** There is an amendment in the nature of a substitute, which,  
19 frankly, just changes the resolve clauses a little bit. It speaks to two specific issues.



1           It updates the resolution to acknowledge the World Bank's announcement of  
2 \$1 billion in new funding to support implementation of the framework agreement  
3 recently signed in Addis Ababa by a number of regional leaders, and it welcomes the  
4 appointment of former Senator Russ Feingold as the U.S. Special Envoy for the African  
5 Great Lakes Region.

6           So relatively minor, but I think important improvements to perfect the  
7 resolution.

8           **THE CHAIRMAN.** I appreciate your leadership on this issue. And since 1990, an  
9 estimated 5 million people have died from repeated cycles of conflict, poor governance,  
10 and atrocities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. So strengthening international  
11 efforts to develop, implement, and enforce a comprehensive peace process for the  
12 region just isn't the right thing to do: It is the absolutely necessary thing to do, and it is  
13 in our interest. So I want to salute you.

14           Senator Shaheen, I see you want to be recognized?

15           **SENATOR SHAHEEN.** Yes, Mr. Chairman. I would like to be listed as a cosponsor.

16           **THE CHAIRMAN.** Without objection.

17           Senator Corker, are there any comments you want to make on this?

18           **SENATOR CORKER.** No, I thank — again, I want to thank Senator Coons for his  
19 efforts here, and I support it, and I hope we will have a voice vote.

1           **THE CHAIRMAN.** So we will have — unless there is any other member who wishes  
2 to speak to this resolution, we will have a voice vote on the amendment, as offered by  
3 Senator Coons.

4           All those in favor, say aye.

5           [A chorus of ayes.]

6           **THE CHAIRMAN.** All those opposed will say no.

7           [No response.]

8           **THE CHAIRMAN.** The amendment is agreed to.

9           In terms of the final resolution, as amended, all those in favor will say aye.

10          [A chorus of ayes.]

11          **THE CHAIRMAN.** All those opposed will say no.

12          [No response.]

13          **THE CHAIRMAN.** The ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted.

14          S. Res. 167, a resolution urging the peaceful resolution of Asia-Pacific maritime  
15 disputes, is a resolution that I have introduced, reaffirming the strong support of the  
16 United States for the peaceful resolution of territorial sovereignty and jurisdictional  
17 disputes in the Asia-Pacific maritime domains.

18          The U.S. has a national interest in the maintenance of peace and stability, open  
19 access to maritime domains, respect for universally recognized principles of

1 international law, prosperity and economic growth in unimpeded lawful commerce in  
2 the Asia-Pacific.

3 I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of the resolution. Does anyone else wish to  
4 speak to this?

5 The chairman of the subcommittee, Senator Cardin?

6 **SENATOR CARDIN.** Well, Mr. Chairman, first of all, thank you for bringing forward  
7 this resolution. I was recently in Asia. I know that Senator Corker was recently in Asia.  
8 And the maritime security issues are troublesome, both in the South China Sea and the  
9 East China Sea, and could really become a serious issue for maritime safety, for  
10 commerce, and for the relationships among countries in that region.

11 We have treaty obligations; so we are directly involved, and this resolution calls  
12 for the way that this needs to be resolved. That is by peaceful ways, by direct talks  
13 among the countries involved. And I am very pleased that we are able to move  
14 forward on this resolution.

15 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Thank you, Senator Cardin. Thank you for your leadership.  
16 Senator Corker?

17 **SENATOR CORKER.** Senator Menendez, you know I am not a fan of resolutions. I  
18 think people know that. But I want to thank you for putting this together. I think it is a  
19 genuine bipartisan effort.

1 I know, as a Pacific power, the United States, sometimes we forget that, by the  
2 way. But it is important. We have a vested interest in the area. And I know that these  
3 kinds of messages are welcomed by our allies in that area.

4 So I thank you. Hopefully, this will help to some degree to cause people to  
5 understand where we are and alleviate some tension. So I thank you for this and  
6 certainly urge a yes vote.

7 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Anyone else wish to speak to the resolution?

8 [No response.]

9 **THE CHAIRMAN.** If not, all those in favor will say aye.

10 [A chorus of ayes.]

11 **THE CHAIRMAN.** All those opposed will say nay.

12 [No response.]

13 **THE CHAIRMAN.** The ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted.

14 We turn to S. Res. 165, a resolution calling on the Ukraine to release Yulia  
15 Tymoshenko. And Senator Durbin, I understand you both want to speak to the  
16 resolution and have amendments to offer?

17 **SENATOR DURBIN:** Briefly, I want to thank my colleagues on the committee,  
18 Senators Rubio, Boxer, Murphy, and Cardin, for cosponsoring this straightforward  
19 resolution.

1           The message is pretty simple. If you want to run a democracy, it is not  
2 considered appropriate after the election results are in to arrest all of your opponents  
3 and put them in jail. Lukashenko does that in the last vestige of dictatorship in Europe,  
4 and sadly, this is what has happened to Yulia Tymoshenko for the last 2 years.

5           This was my opinion, but it turns out to also be the opinion of the European  
6 Court on Human Rights, which handed down a ruling in April of this year, saying that  
7 she is being imprisoned unfairly.

8           I have to tell you I have met with their Ambassador. I have tried to urge them, as  
9 they have released more and more people around her in her government, that finally  
10 they have to send this lady either to a hospital or at least out of the country and release  
11 her. I think this resolution, this bipartisan resolution will try to deliver that message  
12 equally effectively.

13           **THE CHAIRMAN.** Do you have an amendment?

14           **SENATOR DURBIN:** I offer two amendments that make some minor edits clarifying  
15 the politicized nature of the charges against Ms. Tymoshenko that were agreed to by  
16 Senator Corker, and I urge support for both.

17           **THE CHAIRMAN.** Senator Murphy?

18           **SENATOR MURPHY.** I want to speak in support of the resolution. I thank Senator  
19 Durbin for his leadership.

1 Ukraine is at an absolute fulcrum point right now in their history, similar to 1991.  
2 They are going to make a decision if they are going to adopt modern democratic  
3 reforms in order to merit an association agreement with the European Union that would  
4 mark a very significant turn in both the economic and diplomatic history of that  
5 country.

6 But this decision, the disposition of Tymoshenko is central to their final turn  
7 towards Europe and towards a new alliance with this country. We will be voting later  
8 on a new Ambassador who is eminently qualified to carry this message to the  
9 Ukrainians.

10 So I am glad for Senator Durbin's work on this, and hopefully, this resolution,  
11 coming at an absolute critical moment when the Ukrainians are in discussions right now  
12 about some new disposition for Tymoshenko, will come at the right moment.

13 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Senator Shaheen?

14 **SENATOR SHAHEEN.** Yes, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

15 And thank you to Senator Durbin and everyone who is a cosponsor to this  
16 resolution. I would like to be listed as a cosponsor.

17 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Without objection.

18 **SENATOR SHAHEEN.** But I also want to point out, as former chair of the European  
19 Affairs Subcommittee, I held a hearing back in February of 2012 where Yulia

1 Tymoshenko's daughter Eugenia testified and gave very compelling testimony on the  
2 situation of her mother and the need for the Western world to really address that.

3 And as everyone has said, this is coming at a critical time. There is an Eastern  
4 Partnership Summit in Lithuania in November. The Ukraine is looking to enter into an  
5 association agreement with the European Union. They need to understand very clearly  
6 that along with Europe, the United States is watching what is going on there, and the  
7 backsliding that we have seen with respect to moving towards democracy is not going  
8 to be acceptable if they think they are going to join Western institutions.

9 So I think it is very important for us to send a strong message that we think they  
10 need to address the wrongful imprisonment of Yulia Tymoshenko.

11 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Thank you.

12 Senator Cardin?

13 **SENATOR CARDIN.** Mr. Chairman, several of us are speaking because I think this is a  
14 very important moment for Ukraine. I was in Kiev not long after the revolution and  
15 saw the great hope that was happening in the Ukraine. I have visited at other times,  
16 and Ukraine is on a path that is extremely positive.

17 What Senator Durbin said is correct: We are finding, in too many countries, that  
18 after their first or second election under democracy, the powers that be decide to  
19 imprison the opposition as a way to stay in power. And unfortunately, that is  
20 happening in the Ukraine.

1           And I think we have to be very clear. This is a country that has tremendous  
2   promise, that has really come a long way, but the treatment of Yulia Tymoshenko is just  
3   not acceptable, and I am glad that we are going on record in a very clear manner on this  
4   issue.

5           **THE CHAIRMAN.** Senator Corker?

6           **SENATOR CORKER.** Yes, thank you.

7           I want to again thank Senator Durbin for his work here. I had some concerns  
8   about us stating that she was innocent. I don't know that we know that. But one thing  
9   we know for sure is that these charges are highly politicized.

10          And I want to thank him for focusing on something we could all get behind and  
11   for all of you for championing this effort.

12          Thank you very much.

13          **THE CHAIRMAN.** Thank you.

14          Yulia Tymoshenko worked incredibly — labored incredibly hard to throw off the  
15   tyranny of the Soviet past. And to see her and other opposition leaders in jails is a  
16   reminder of how much more work needs to be done to improve human rights and  
17   political freedom in the Ukraine.

18          And the path to freedom and economic prosperity in the Ukraine is not through  
19   the abridgement of fundamental rights and freedoms, but through the fulfillment of



1 fundamental rights and freedoms, unlocking the intellect, power, and dignity of the  
2 Ukrainian people. And so, I am strongly supportive of the resolution.

3 If there is no one else who wishes to speak on it, we will vote on the amendments  
4 as offered.

5 All those who are in favor will say aye.

6 [A chorus of ayes.]

7 **THE CHAIRMAN.** All those opposed, say no.

8 [No response.]

9 **THE CHAIRMAN.** The ayes have it, and the amendment is agreed to.

10 On final passage, as amended, all those in favor will say aye.

11 [A chorus of ayes.]

12 **THE CHAIRMAN.** All those opposed will say no.

13 [No response.]

14 **THE CHAIRMAN.** The ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted.

15 We have two other resolutions. One is S. Res. 166, a resolution commemorating  
16 the 50th anniversary of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and commending its  
17 successor, the African Union. (AU), and Senator Coons, would you like to speak to the  
18 resolution?

19 **SENATOR COONS.** Mr. Chairman, I will do so briefly. I am grateful to Senator Flake,  
20 ranking on Africa, for cosponsoring this with me.

1           This is a fairly straightforward resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary  
2 of the founding of the Organization for African Unity and commends its successor, the  
3 African Union, for its positive contribution to peace, security, and development across  
4 the continent. The AU is taking more and more constructive and positive steps across  
5 the continent.

6           Senator Flake and I just held a hearing on the upcoming elections in Zimbabwe  
7 and the recent development there that the AU is providing election observers. There is  
8 a variety of other ways in which they are being constructive, but I will simply ask the  
9 support of my colleagues on the committee for this resolution.

10           **THE CHAIRMAN.** Anyone else who wishes to speak on the resolution? Senator  
11 Flake?

12           **SENATOR FLAKE.** I just want to say thanks for working on some of the language  
13 issues on it. And I am just a proud cosponsor of it.

14           Thank you.

15           **THE CHAIRMAN.** Anyone else wishing to speak on the resolution?

16           [No response.]

17           **THE CHAIRMAN.** If not, all those in favor will say aye.

18           [A chorus of ayes.]

19           **THE CHAIRMAN.** All those opposed will say no.

20           [No response.]

1           **THE CHAIRMAN.** The ayes have it, and the resolution is agreed to.

2           S. Res. 151, a resolution urging the Government of Afghanistan to ensure  
3 transparent and credible presidential and provincial elections. Senator Casey has been  
4 working on this resolution. I Appreciate his leadership, along with his cosponsors,  
5 Senators McCain, Shaheen, Cardin, and Kirk. And I am glad to join in it as well.

6           Senator Casey?

7           **SENATOR CASEY.** Mr. Chairman?

8           **THE CHAIRMAN.** Here you are. Senator Cardin thought you were out there.

9           [Laughter.]

10          **SENATOR CASEY.** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate your help on this effort as  
11 well, as you mentioned. Along with the chairman, Senator McCain, Senator Cardin,  
12 Senator Shaheen, Senator Coons, Senator Kirk, and Senator Donnelly.

13          This is really a resolution in an effort to focus on the upcoming elections in  
14 Afghanistan. I held a hearing in the committee to focus on this, to principally say three  
15 things about it.

16          Number one, that it be transparent. Number two, that it be credible. And  
17 thirdly, that it would be an inclusive electoral process. That will be one of the keys to  
18 determining whether or not Afghanistan can remain stable in the coming years.

19          If key blocs in the country don't believe that the elections are, indeed,  
20 transparent, inclusive, and credible, we could face a scenario similar to what happened

1 in the 1990s when disaffected factions expressed their political views through violence.  
2 We know that on July 3rd, there will be a meeting of donors to assess — or I should say  
3 to assess commitments made at the Tokyo conference on a consensus-based electoral  
4 framework.

5 So the bottom line here is going into this meeting, this resolution and this effort  
6 we are making here in the committee will be one of the ways, and maybe the most  
7 significant way, that we can send a strong message of resolve that the United States  
8 supports the kind of election that is transparent, credible, and inclusive.

9 And I want to highlight one part of it. In a recent draft of the new electoral law  
10 in Afghanistan, what was eliminated in that draft was the requirement that quotas be  
11 met to ensure that women are represented in national and local government. I wanted  
12 to read from the resolution itself.

13 We say in pertinent part that we urge the Secretary of State to condition —  
14 condition financial, logistical, and political support for the election in Afghanistan based  
15 upon implementation of reforms in Afghanistan, including reform No. 1, the increased  
16 efforts to encourage women's participation in the electoral process, including provisions  
17 to ensure their full access to and security at polling stations.

18 Many of you have been there. When you talk to women who have made some  
19 progress in the political system, and yet there are efforts made to push them back, and  
20 frankly, if we are not vigilant, there will be efforts made over time to push them all the

1 way back. So we want to highlight that and state our objection to what happened in  
2 that particular draft.

3 Women should be not just given the right to participate in their government, but  
4 they shouldn't be excluded from, in fact, the deliberation that resulted in this change in  
5 the draft.

6 So whether it is the election preparations or the negotiation process with the  
7 Taliban, the U.S. must send a clear and unequivocal message that women's rights are  
8 not a bargaining chip that can't be negotiated away.

9 I also want to thank Senator Corker for working with me on the final text of this  
10 amendment, and I would urge its adoption.

11 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Do you have amendments, Senator Casey?

12 **SENATOR CASEY.** I do not.

13 **THE CHAIRMAN.** You do not. Okay.

14 Senator Boxer?

15 **SENATOR BOXER.** Thank you.

16 I want to thank you so much, Senator Casey, for your work on this. A lot of us  
17 have had the opportunity to meet with the women of Afghanistan. They have come  
18 here at great risk, and they have just basically said that if we don't give them the wind  
19 at their back, they will just be eliminated from the table, and they won't be there. And  
20 they won't have any rights.

1           So I think this is important. I know Senator Corker has his issues about  
2 resolutions. I share some of that. But believe me, these countries watch what we do,  
3 and these people who are out there putting themselves at risk watch what we do. And I  
4 think this is very, very positive, and I thank you for your leadership on it.

5           **THE CHAIRMAN.** Senator Corker?

6           **SENATOR CORKER.** I want to thank you, too.

7           I think I would be reticent if I didn't take this opportunity to mention that this is  
8 not — this is an issue that has been ongoing for some time, although growing. Our  
9 foreign policy, much of it is dealt with by the State Department, but much of it is carried  
10 out through the CIA. And let us face it, more and more and more of the activities that  
11 are involving foreign policy are happening through the CIA.

12           President Karzai has mentioned multiple times about receiving suitcases full of  
13 cash from the CIA. So on one hand, I very much applaud this, and I think, Senator  
14 Boxer, you are right. There are times when we need to have resolutions, and I am going  
15 to vote for this, and I thank you for working with us.

16           But at the same time, I just want to point out the incoherency of us pushing for  
17 democracy and at the same time being fully aware that the CIA is, on the other hand, to  
18 a democratically elected president giving cash. And we have asked now on four  
19 occasions just to understand what that is for. We continue to get pushback and to say  
20 that this really isn't the Foreign Relations Committee's business at all.

1           But I think it flies in the face of what Senator Kerry, Senator Boxer, and Senator  
2 Cardin and Senator Shaheen and others have just spoken to. So, again, for what it is  
3 worth, this has happened with Republican administrations and Democratic  
4 administrations. It is not a partisan issue. It is ongoing at bigger levels now, I think,  
5 with some of the conflicts that we have just been discussing recently in Syria and other  
6 places.

7           And I would just ask the committee members to — again, this is not about  
8 sticking a stick in the eye, but I think we ought to be aware that much of what we work  
9 on through the State Department for longer term goals that we all care about can be  
10 undermined by the CIA working on short-term goals that actually suit their interests  
11 that very much could be counter to what our foreign policy objectives are.

12           So thank you for letting me say something. I have tried for months to get to the  
13 bottom of this. This was an opportunity to speak to it, and I apologize for taking  
14 people's time.

15           **SENATOR CASEY.** Mr. Chairman?

16           **THE CHAIRMAN.** Not at all. I know that you have been persistent on that issue, and  
17 I am sure that you will get to where you want to be.

18           **SENATOR CORKER.** I don't know. We will see.

19           **THE CHAIRMAN.** I think so.

20           **SENATOR CASEY.** Mr. Chairman, I want to —

1           **THE CHAIRMAN.** Senator Casey?

2           **SENATOR CASEY.** I want to thank Senator Corker for his remarks on this and his  
3 work. I guess, technically, we are — I want to make sure I am doing this right. We are  
4 offering an amendment, correct? I just want to get that straight.

5           So because of this exchange, we do actually have an amendment.

6           **THE CHAIRMAN.** Okay. So the vote will be — unless there is any other member —

7           **SENATOR CASEY.** Two amendments.

8           **THE CHAIRMAN.** — who wishes to speak on the amendments, the vote is first on the  
9 amendments.

10          [No response.]

11          **THE CHAIRMAN.** All those in favor will say aye.

12          [A chorus of ayes.]

13          **THE CHAIRMAN.** All those opposed will say no.

14          [No response.]

15          **THE CHAIRMAN.** The amendments are adopted.

16          **THE CHAIRMAN.** The vote is now on final passage of the resolution, as amended.

17          All those in favor will say aye.

18          [A chorus of ayes.]

19          **THE CHAIRMAN.** All those opposed will say no.

20          [No response.]



1           **THE CHAIRMAN.** And resolution is agreed to.

2           Finally, before people leave on me, we have three nominations. I don't think that  
3 they require, as I understand, a lot of conversation. But the Ambassador to Burkina  
4 Faso, the Ambassador to the Ukraine, and the Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian  
5 and Pacific Affairs.

6           I appreciate Senator Murphy chairing the first two. Senator Cardin chairing the  
7 other nominee. These are exceptionally qualified individuals.

8           Is there anyone who wishes to speak to any of these nominations? Senator  
9 Murphy?

10          **SENATOR MURPHY.** Just very briefly with respect to Mr. Pyatt, given that we passed  
11 resolution that is critical of the Ukraine's handling of Tymoshenko. It is important to  
12 note that we have incredibly important positive bilateral relationship with the Ukraine  
13 involving work on security issues and energy independence. Mr. Pyatt will be an asset  
14 to building that positive side of the U.S.-Ukraine relationship.

15          **THE CHAIRMAN.** Anyone else who wishes to address the nominees?

16          [No response.]

17          **THE CHAIRMAN.** If not, I will ask for a vote en bloc in voice.

18          All those in favor will say aye.

19          [A chorus of ayes.]

20          **THE CHAIRMAN.** All those opposed will say nay.

1 [No response.]

2 **THE CHAIRMAN.** The ayes have it, and the nominations are agreed to and sent to the  
3 full Senate.

4 With that, each of these measures are hereby ordered favorably reported from  
5 the committee, and I ask for unanimous consent to allow committee staff to make  
6 technical and conforming changes to the text.

7 Is there a second?

8 **SENATOR CORKER.** Second.

9 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Second. So ordered.

10 With that, the committee is adjourned.

**[Whereupon, at 3:33 p.m., the hearing was adjourned.]**