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S. RES. 128

Condemning violence in Armenia.

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Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. DOLE, Mr. PRESSLER, Mr. PELL, Mr. SEYMOUR, Mr. SIMON, Mr. KASTEN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. WARNER, Mr. DECONCINI, Mr. RIEGLE, Mr. BRADLEY, and Mr. HELMS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Condemning violence in Armenia.

Whereas the Government of the Soviet Union and Government of the Azerbaijan Republic have dramatically escalated their attacks against civilian Armenians in Nagorno-Karabakh, Azerbaijan, and Armenia itself;

Whereas the Government of the Soviet Union has refused Armenia's request to convene a special session of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics Supreme Soviet to resolve the Nagorno-Karabakh crisis;

Whereas Soviet and Azerbaijani forces have destroyed Armenian villages and depopulated Armenian areas in and around Nagorno-Karabakh in violation of internationally recognized human rights; and

Whereas armed militia threaten stability and peace in Armenia, Nagorno-Karabakh, and Azerbaijan: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that the
2 Senate—

3 (1) condemns the attacks on innocent children,
4 women, and men in Armenian areas and communi-
5 ties in and around Nagorno-Karabakh and in Arme-
6 nia;

7 (2) condemns the indiscriminate use of force,
8 including the shelling of civilian areas, on Armenia's
9 eastern and southern borders;

10 (3) calls for the end to the blockades and other
11 uses of force and intimidation directed against Ar-
12 menia and Nagorno-Karabakh, and calls for the
13 withdrawal of Soviet forces newly deployed for the
14 purpose of intimidation;

15 (4) calls for dialogue among all parties involved
16 as the only acceptable route to achieving a lasting
17 resolution of the conflict; and

18 (5) reconfirms the commitment of the United
19 States to the success of democracy and self-determi-
20 nation in the Soviet Union and its various republics,
21 by expressing its deep concern about any Soviet ac-
22 tion of retribution, intimidation, or leverage against

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- 1 those Republics and regions which have chosen to
- 2 seek the fulfillment of their political aspirations.

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