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Expressing the sense of Congress regarding elections for the legislature of
the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HELMS (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. MACK) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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the legislature of the Hong Kong Special Administrative
Region.

Whereas the 1984 Sino-British Joint Declaration on Hong Kong guarantees Hong Kong a high degree autonomy in all matters except defense and foreign affairs, and an elected legislature;

Whereas the United States policy regarding Hong Kong, as stated in the United States-Hong Kong Policy Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-383), is based on the autonomy and self-governance of Hong Kong by the Hong Kong people;

Whereas a democratically elected legislature enabling the Hong Kong people to elect representatives of their choice

is essential to the autonomy and self-governance of Hong Kong;

Whereas the provisional legislature of Hong Kong was selected through an undemocratic process controlled by the People's Republic of China;

Whereas this provisional legislature has adopted rules for the creation of the first legislature of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region which rules are designed to disadvantage and reduce the number of pro-democracy politicians in the legislature; and

Whereas the autonomy of Hong Kong cannot exist without a legislature that is elected freely and fairly according to rules approved by the Hong Kong people or their democratically elected representatives: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
- 2 *concurring), That Congress urges Hong Kong Chief Exec-*
- 3 *utive C.H. Tung and the government of the Hong Kong*
- 4 *Special Administrative Region to schedule and conduct*
- 5 *elections for the first legislature of the Hong Kong Special*
- 6 *Administrative Region according to rules approved by the*
- 7 *Hong Kong people through an election-law convention,*
- 8 *referendum, or both.*

