

## CTB Resolution

Whereas the United States is committed in the Limited Test Ban Treaty of 1963 and in the Non-Proliferation Treaty of 1968 to seek to achieve the discontinuance of all test explosions of nuclear weapons for all time;

Whereas a comprehensive test ban treaty would promote the security of the United States by constraining the U.S.-Soviet nuclear arms competition and by strengthening efforts to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons;

Whereas a comprehensive test ban treaty would help to protect the environment as well as the health and safety of the population from the dangers of nuclear explosions and radioactive contamination;

Whereas the ultimate objective of a permanent cessation of nuclear testing can be pursued effectively and with a minimum of risks through a treaty of fixed and limited duration that permits the effects of the treaty to be assessed carefully before a decision is taken to continue it;

Whereas a comprehensive test ban treaty must be adequately verifiable, and whereas significant progress has been made in the detection and identification of underground nuclear explosions by seismological and other means;

Whereas a comprehensive test ban treaty, to be effective, must ban nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes as well as nuclear weapons tests;

Whereas negotiations on a comprehensive test ban treaty involving the United States, the United Kingdom, and the Soviet Union have been underway since July 1977;

Whereas substantial progress has been made in the negotiations on important elements of the treaty, including a prohibition of nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes, as well as effective and unprecedented verification measures in the areas of on-site inspections and seismic monitoring;

Whereas the past five Administrations have supported the achievement of a comprehensive test ban treaty;

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that it is the sense of the Senate that the President of the United States should seek to expedite the conclusion of a comprehensive test ban treaty with a view to completing the negotiations, if possible, before the Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference of 1980.