Mr. President, the arrest

of Russian businessman Mikhail

Khodorkovsky by Russian security

agents last weekend is of grave consequence

to U.S.-Russia relations. It

caps a chilling and aggressive turn toward

authoritarianism in Vladimir

Putin’s Russia. It is past time for all

friends of Russia, and all who support

strong U.S.-Russia relations, to speak

out about the ascendant role of the

Russian security services in the Kremlin,

President Putin’s suppression of

free media, the government’s politicized

prosecutions of its opponents,

continuing and grievous human rights

violations at the hands of the Russian

army in Chechnya, and increased Russian

meddling, intimidation, and harassment

of its sovereign neighbors.

American policy must change dramatically

as a result of these developments,

which have been in evidence for several

years, for there can be no stability in

U.S.-Russian relations, to say nothing

of any strategic partnership, as long as

Russia is moving away from the values

of freedom and democratic progress so

many Russians celebrated when the Soviet

Union fell 12 years ago. I will have

more to say on this matter, but for the

moment I wish to draw my colleagues’

attention to an incisive opinion article

by Bruce Jackson entitled ‘‘The Failure

of Putin’s Russia,’’ published today

in the Washington Post, and an accompanying

Post editorial entitled ‘‘Pedaling

Backward.’’

I ask unanimous consent that these

articles be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material

was ordered to be printed in the

RECORD, as follows: