

Referred to the Committee on

Res. No. 137

**Resolution calling upon the United States to negotiate a comprehensive test ban treaty with the Soviet Union.**

By Council Member Katzman; also Council Members Dryfoos, Eldridge, Fields, Foster, Friedlander, Leffler and Michels.

**Whereas,** The United States has a budget deficit of billions of dollars; and

**Whereas,** Needs for child care, job education, employment, low cost housing, education and hunger are going unsatisfied because of this deficit; and

**Whereas,** Billions are desperately needed for Human Services; and

**Whereas,** This country is spending billions of dollars a year in testing, developing and production of new and unneeded nuclear weapons; and

**Whereas,** President George Bush has set forth among his goals, a kinder, gentler America; and

**Whereas,** A comprehensive test ban would actually make the United States more secure, because the stoppage of nuclear testing would be mutual and verifiable, with already agreed to tamperproof seismic stations on U.S. and Soviet soil that would instantly detect any cheating; and

**Whereas,** Such a treaty would help eliminate the dangers of the spread of nuclear weapons to non-nuclear countries, that is nuclear proliferation; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved,** That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the United States to negotiate a comprehensive test ban treaty with the Soviet Union with a view of offering to stop testing immediately in the same mutual and verifiable basis while negotiations for the treaty are going on.

Referred to the Committee on Intergroup Relations and Special Events.