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**Subject:** Senate defeats Inhofe START amendment 64-33 (U)

(U) Members of the Senate voted December 20 to defeat an amendment proposed by Senator Inhofe (R-OK). The amendment would have required more inspection and verification of Russian arms, media report. The Senate will now vote on the Thune (R-SD) amendment followed by the LeMieux (R-FL) amendment. Following the vote Senate Majority Leader Reid (D-NV) said there will be no more votes tonight on START. He will meet the morning of December 21 with Senators Kyl (R-AZ) and Kerry (D-MA) regarding outstanding issues. Senator Reid added "no one needs to feel they are being pushed for time" on the START Treaty, and encouraged those with concerns to speak with Senator Kyl, Senator Kerry or Senator Lugar (R-IN).

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