

Manager's Resolving Clause Amendment

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—117th Cong., 2d Sess.**S. Con. Res. 47**

Commending the bravery, courage, and resolve of the women and men of Iran demonstrating in more than 80 cities and risking their safety to speak out against the Iranian regime's human rights abuses.

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by Mr. MENENDEZ

Viz:

- 1 Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the fol-
- 2 lowing: "That Congress—
- 3 (1) commends the bravery, courage, and resolve
- 4 of the women and men of Iran who are—
- 5 (A) participating in the current protests to
- 6 defend their fundamental human rights; and
- 7 (B) risking their safety to speak out
- 8 against the human rights abuses committed by
- 9 the Iranian regime;
- 10 (2) condemns—

1 (A) the brutal beating and death of Mahsa
2 Amini; and

3 (B) the violent suppression by the Iranian
4 regime of women and men participating in the
5 current demonstrations, including children, and
6 calls for transparent accountability for all
7 killings of protesters by Iranian security forces;

8 (3) supports internet freedom programs that
9 circumvent the regime, including the Open Tech-
10 nology Fund, which provides support for VPNs and
11 other alternatives that can be used to bypass at-
12 tempts by authoritarian governments to censor inter-
13 net access during times of protest, and commends
14 private entities willing to provide programs to cir-
15 cumvent such censorship;

16 (4) encourages continued efforts by the Biden
17 Administration to respond to the protests, including
18 the recent sanctioning of the Iranian morality police,
19 and further encourages the Biden Administration—

20 (A) to immediately impose, under existing
21 authorities, additional human rights sanctions
22 on officials and entities responsible for the re-
23 pression of the current protests;

1 (B) to prioritize efforts to expand unre-
2 stricted internet access in Iran, consistent with
3 existing law; and

4 (C) to work to develop a strategy to pre-
5 vent the Iranian regime from obtaining and ex-
6 ploiting facial recognition data and software for
7 the use of mass surveillance and enforcement of
8 mandatory hijab;

9 (5) encourages the private sector, following the
10 recent clarification by the Biden Administration of
11 sanctions exemptions on communications technology,
12 to work with the Biden Administration to ensure
13 protestors and activists have access to tools needed
14 to circumvent government surveillance and repres-
15 sion;

16 (6) encourages the private sector to coordinate
17 with the Department of the Treasury and their sub-
18 sidiaries to utilize licensing opportunities and expand
19 access of key communications services to Iranians
20 inside Iran; and

21 (7) welcomes the efforts of the international
22 community to support protestors in Iran, and calls
23 on the international community—

24 (A) to publicly condemn violence by the
25 Iranian regime against peaceful protestors;

1 (B) to speak out against violations by the
2 regime of fundamental human rights, including
3 the freedom of expression, assembly, and re-
4 dress of grievances of the Iranian people; and

5 (C) impose human rights sanctions on offi-
6 cials and entities that are responsible for the re-
7 pression of current protests and involved in vio-
8 lating the human rights of the Iranian people.