

Substitute Amendment

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—117th Cong., 2d Sess.**S. Res. 669**

Condemning the use of hunger as a weapon of war and recognizing the effect of conflict on global food security and famine.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by Mr. Merkley

Viz:

- 1 Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the fol-
- 2 lowing: “That the Senate—
- 3 (1) condemns the use of hunger as a weapon of
- 4 war through the—
- 5 (A) starvation of civilians;
- 6 (B) intentional and reckless destruction,
- 7 removal, looting, or rendering useless objects
- 8 necessary for food production and distribution,
- 9 such as farmland, markets, mills, food pro-
- 10 cessing and storage facilities, foodstuffs, crops,
- 11 livestock, agricultural assets, waterways, water

1 systems, drinking water facilities and supplies,
2 and irrigation networks;

3 (C) denial of humanitarian access and the
4 deprivation of objects indispensable to people's
5 survival, such as food supplies and nutrition re-
6 sources; and

7 (D) willful interruption of market systems
8 for populations in need, including through the
9 prevention of travel and manipulation of cur-
10 rency exchange; and

11 (2) calls on the United States Government to—

12 (A) prioritize diplomatic efforts to call out
13 and address instances where hunger and inten-
14 tional deprivation of food is being utilized as a
15 weapon of war, including through efforts to en-
16 sure that security operations minimize civilian
17 harm and do not undermine livelihoods of civil-
18 ian populations;

19 (B) continue efforts to address severe glob-
20 al food insecurity through effective humani-
21 tarian response efforts, including through the
22 provision of United States in-kind food assist-
23 ance, vouchers, and other flexible food aid mo-
24 dalities;

1 (C) ensure existing interagency strategies,
2 crisis response efforts, and ongoing programs
3 consider, integrate, and adapt to conflict situa-
4 tions, including by utilizing crisis modifiers in
5 United States Agency for International Devel-
6 opment programming to respond to rapid
7 shocks and stress such as the willful targeting
8 of food systems; and

9 (D) ensure that the use of hunger as a
10 weapon of war is considered within the employ-
11 ment of tools to hold individuals, governments,
12 militias, or entities responsible, such as the
13 Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability
14 Act (22 U.S.C. 2656), where appropriate, and
15 taking into consideration the need for humani-
16 tarian exemptions and the protection of life-
17 saving assistance.