

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., 1st Sess.**S. Res. 97**

Calling on the Government of Ethiopia, the Tigray People's Liberation Front, and other belligerents to cease all hostilities, protect human rights, allow unfettered humanitarian access, and cooperate with independent investigations of credible atrocity allegations pertaining to the conflict in the Tigray Region of Ethiopia.

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

Viz:

- 1 Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the fol-
- 2 lowing: "That the Senate—
- 3 (1) calls for the immediate cessation of hos-
- 4 tilities in the Tigray Region of Ethiopia;
- 5 (2) condemns in the strongest terms all violence
- 6 against civilians;
- 7 (3) calls on the Government of Eritrea to im-
- 8 mediately and fully withdraw its military forces from
- 9 Ethiopia, and condemns in the strongest terms any
- 10 human rights violations, murder, looting, rape, and

1 other crimes committed by the Eritrean military or
2 any other forces in the Tigray Region or elsewhere
3 in Ethiopia;

4 (4) strongly disapproves of the escalation of po-
5 litical tensions between the Government of Ethiopia
6 and the Tigray People’s Liberation Front (TPLF)
7 into armed conflict;

8 (5) calls for the swift and complete restoration
9 of electricity, banking, telephone, and internet serv-
10 ices throughout the Tigray Region and other parts
11 of Ethiopia where communications have been re-
12 stricted;

13 (6) appreciates the willingness of Sudan to wel-
14 come refugees fleeing the conflict in the Tigray Re-
15 gion;

16 (7) urges the Government of Ethiopia to—

17 (A) take tangible steps toward improving
18 humanitarian access in keeping with commit-
19 ments made to the United Nations World Food
20 Programme and Secretary of State Antony
21 Blinken;

22 (B) pursue accountability for human rights
23 abuses and atrocities; and

24 (C) make progress on other key issues with
25 regard to the conflict in the Tigray Region and

1 threats to regional stability following the visit of
2 Senator Coons;

3 (8) calls on the Government of Ethiopia to—

4 (A) ensure that any apprehensions of
5 TPLF members are carried out with the least
6 possible use of force and that the rights to
7 which those detained are entitled under Ethio-
8 pian and international law are fully respected;

9 (B) require the immediate and full with-
10 drawal of Eritrean forces from Ethiopia;

11 (C) release all opposition leaders, sup-
12 porters, and activists detained on the basis of
13 their political activity and views as well as jour-
14 nalist detained on the basis of their reporting,
15 and respect the rights of all Ethiopians to free
16 expression and political participation, without
17 discrimination based on ethnicity, ideology, or
18 political affiliation; and

19 (D) convene a credible and countrywide
20 process of national dialogue and reconciliation
21 inclusive of all nonviolent political parties, eth-
22 nic communities, religious groups, and civil so-
23 ciety organizations in Ethiopia to work toward
24 the sustainable resolution of grievances and

1 chart a democratic and peaceful path forward
2 for the country;

3 (9) urges all parties to the conflict to—

4 (A) cease all hostilities, commit to a polit-
5 ical solution for resolving existing differences,
6 fully comply with international humanitarian
7 law, and refrain from actions that could con-
8 tinue, spread, or escalate the conflict, particu-
9 larly attacks on civilian targets;

10 (B) make demonstrable progress to guar-
11 antee unfettered and immediate humanitarian
12 access, for personnel and supplies, to areas af-
13 fected by the conflict, and take all possible
14 steps to protect the safety of civilians, including
15 refugees, displaced persons, and humanitarian
16 aid workers; and

17 (C) allow for, and cooperate with, inde-
18 pendent and transparent investigations of any
19 alleged human rights abuses committed in the
20 course of the conflict in the Tigray Region and
21 other conflicts across Ethiopia, and hold per-
22 petrators to account in a credible process; and

23 (10) urges the Secretary of State, the Secretary
24 of the Treasury, and the Administrator of the
25 United States Agency for International Develop-

1 ment, in coordination with the heads of other rel-
2 evant Federal departments and agencies, to—

3 (A) engage at the highest levels with lead-
4 ers of the Government of Ethiopia, the Govern-
5 ment of Eritrea, and the TPLF to encourage
6 the full cessation of hostilities and the with-
7 drawal of Eritrean forces, mitigate the humani-
8 tarian crisis that has emerged from the conflict,
9 and support an inclusive process of national
10 dialogue and reconciliation;

11 (B) immediately establish criteria to end
12 the pause of all non-life-sustaining assistance to
13 Ethiopia and support programming to meet im-
14 mediate humanitarian needs, including of refu-
15 gees and internally displaced persons, advance
16 nonviolent conflict resolution and reconciliation
17 throughout the country, and aid a democratic
18 transition in Ethiopia;

19 (C) take continued actions to ensure that
20 a “full, independent, international investigation
21 into all reports of human rights violations,
22 abuses, and atrocities” committed in the course
23 of the conflict as called for by Secretary of
24 State Blinken on February 27, 2021, is con-

1 ducted, and impose strict accountability meas-
2 ures on those found responsible;

3 (D) use all diplomatic, developmental, and
4 legal tools to prevent further ethnic-based vio-
5 lence and mass atrocities, including by non-
6 state armed groups, and promote competitive
7 multi-party democracy in Ethiopia; and

8 (E) maintain close coordination with inter-
9 national allies and multilateral organizations re-
10 garding efforts to address the conflict in the
11 Tigray Region and other regions of Ethiopia
12 and bring attention to the conflict in inter-
13 national fora, including the United Nations Se-
14 curity Council.