

111TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. RES. 390

Prohibiting text messaging by employees of the Senate while driving on  
official business.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 21, 2010

Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER) submitted  
the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules  
and Administration

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## RESOLUTION

Prohibiting text messaging by employees of the Senate while  
driving on official business.

1       *Resolved,*

2       **SECTION 1. PROHIBITION ON TEXT MESSAGING BY EM-**  
3                   **PLOYEES OF THE SENATE WHILE DRIVING**  
4                   **ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS.**

5       (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this resolution—

6           (1) the term “employee of the Senate” means  
7           any employee whose pay is disbursed by the Sec-  
8           retary of the Senate; and

9           (2) the term “text messaging” means reading  
10          from or entering data into any handheld or other

1       electronic device, including for the purpose of SMS  
2       texting, e-mailing, instant messaging, obtaining navi-  
3       gational information, or engaging in any other form  
4       of electronic data retrieval or electronic data commu-  
5       nication.

6       (b) PROHIBITION.—An employee of the Senate may  
7       not engage in text messaging when—

8               (1) driving a Government owned or leased vehi-  
9       cle;

10              (2) driving a privately owned or leased vehicle  
11       while on official business; or

12              (3) using text messaging equipment provided by  
13       any office or committee of the Senate while driving  
14       any vehicle at any time.

15       (c) EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION.—This reso-  
16       lution shall apply to the 111th Congress and each Con-  
17       gress thereafter.

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