

Resolved, That—

(1) the Senate designates Thursday, February 13, 2014, as “\$2.13 Day”; and

(2) it is the sense of the Senate that the cash wage that an employer is required to pay a tipped employee (as defined in section 3(t) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 203(t))) under section 3(m) of such Act (29 U.S.C. 203(m)) should be increased to 70 percent of the Federal minimum wage for a covered nonexempt employee under section 6(a)(1) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 206(a)(1)).

SENATE RESOLUTION 357—EXPRESSING CONCERN OF UNDEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE AND THE ABUSE OF THE RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS IN UKRAINE

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. RISCH) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 357

Whereas the political crisis that has engulfed Ukraine reflects the people’s desire for a democratic state which rejects corruption and abides by the rule of law;

Whereas Ukraine is a participating State of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and has made commitments to respect the human rights of its citizens;

Whereas, in 2009, Ukraine joined the European Union’s Eastern Partnership initiative, pledging to uphold the shared values of democracy, the rule of law, and respect for human rights;

Whereas the Government of Ukraine committed to judicial and electoral reforms to align with those of the European Union in preparation for the signing of an Association Agreement with the European Union;

Whereas, on Thursday, November 21, 2013, Ukraine President Viktor Yanukovych announced that Ukraine would not sign an Association Agreement with the European Union, causing thousands of Ukrainians to assemble in Kiev’s Maidan Square in peaceful protest;

Whereas, on November 30 and December 11, 2013, Ukrainian paramilitary police used excessive force against peaceful demonstrators in Kiev’s Maidan Square;

Whereas, on January 16, 2014, the parliament of Ukraine passed anti-protest legislation restricting the right to peaceful assembly and the exercise of free speech, constraining independent media, and inhibiting the operation of nongovernmental organizations;

Whereas it is unclear whether these measures were passed legally, or have subsequently been entirely repealed;

Whereas, on January 20, 2014, Freedom House stated it is “deeply concerned by Ukrainian authorities’ targeted violence against journalists during public protests in Kiev – demonstrations spurred by President Viktor Yanukovych’s signing into law measures that tightly limit public protests, among other rollbacks on freedom”;

Whereas, on January 22, 2014, the actions of authorities in Ukraine resulted in the death of two protesters, including one who was “brutally beaten by two riot police officers,” according to Amnesty International;

Whereas, on January 30, 2014, Freedom House stated that “at least five Euromaidan activists are still reported missing, some since November 30, 2013 when anti-government demonstrations intensified”;

Whereas there are substantiated reports of kidnappings, including the abduction and torture of opposition activist Dmitrii

Bulatov, and evidence of police brutality carried out against protesters and other activists, and the Ukrainian nongovernmental organization EuroMaidan SOS claims that as many as 27 people may be missing;

Whereas, on January 31, 2014, Human Rights Watch found that “Ukrainian police assaulted and injured dozens of journalists and medical workers while trying to disperse street fighters and protesters in Kiev” and called upon the international community to “press Ukraine to investigate serious human rights violations and prosecute those responsible in accordance with international due process standards”;

Whereas, on January 31, 2014, Freedom House reported that “more than 40 journalists have been injured covering the demonstrations” and that “[m]any of the reporters were attacked while wearing visible identification of their status as journalists”;

Whereas the Government of Ukraine has continued to intimidate and use violence against journalists and others expressing political opinions critical of the current government; and

Whereas, on January 7, 2014, the United States Senate passed a resolution expressing support for the people of Ukraine in light of public resistance to President Yanukovych’s decision not to sign an Association Agreement with the European Union: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) the President should increase democracy and human rights programming in Ukraine to the extent possible;

(2) the United States Government should immediately review security assistance funding for any organization in Ukraine involved in repressive efforts that violate the civil or human rights of the people of Ukraine;

(3) the United States Mission to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) should utilize the resources and mechanisms of the OSCE to monitor and address human rights concerns, including the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) and Representative on Freedom of Media (RFM);

(4) the United States Representative to the United Nations Human Rights Council should address Ukraine appropriately to bodies such as the United Nations Human Rights Council;

(5) the Department of State should immediately consider the imposition of targeted sanctions, including visa bans and asset freezes, against the perpetrators of state-sanctioned violence in Ukraine against peaceful protesters, journalists, and other members of civil society;

(6) the United States Government should urge authorities in Ukraine to locate missing persons and release all political prisoners, including former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko, and hold perpetrators of extra-legal measures accountable;

(7) the United States Government should work closely with the European Union to strengthen and support its efforts in Ukraine; and

(8) the United States Government endorses the statement of the European Union’s Council on Foreign Affairs of February 10, 2014, which stated, “A new and inclusive government, constitutional reform bringing back more balance of powers, and preparations for free and fair presidential elections would contribute to bringing Ukraine back on a sustainable path of reforms.”

SENATE RESOLUTION 358—COMMENDING THE SEATTLE SEAHAWKS FOR WINNING SUPER BOWL XLVIII AND THE 12TH MAN FOR THEIR CRITICAL SUPPORT

Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 358

Whereas on February 2, 2014, the Seattle Seahawks won Super Bowl XLVIII with a commanding 43-8 victory over the Denver Broncos;

Whereas Super Bowl XLVIII is the first Super Bowl Championship won by the Seahawks franchise;

Whereas Seahawks coach Pete Carroll is only the third coach in the history of football to win both a Super Bowl in the National Football League (NFL) and a National Championship in college football;

Whereas Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson is the third-youngest starting quarterback to win the Super Bowl;

Whereas the Seahawks had a 13-3 record for the 2013 regular season, giving the Seahawks the best regular season record in the National Football Conference and tying them with the Broncos for the best regular season record in the NFL;

Whereas in December 1984, the Seahawks retired the number 12 in honor of their fan base, who are among the loudest, proudest, and most impactful group of fans in sports, which is known as “the 12th Man”;

Whereas the 12th Man is critical to the home field advantage of the Seahawks at CenturyLink Field, holds a world record for crowd noise at 137.6 decibels, and has twice triggered measurable earthquakes on the Richter Scale;

Whereas the Seahawks have the top-ranked defense in the NFL, led by an unstoppable defensive line and cornerback Richard Sherman and the “Legion of Boom” secondary;

Whereas Seattle linebacker Malcolm Smith was named Most Valuable Player (MVP) of Super Bowl XLVIII after making several key plays, including a 69-yard interception return for a touchdown in the second quarter;

Whereas Smith is the first defensive player to be named Super Bowl MVP since Super Bowl XXXVII;

Whereas the Seahawks defense contributed to a Broncos safety that was the fastest score in Super Bowl history and helped the Seahawks hold the lead throughout the game despite the Broncos having the highest-scoring offense in NFL history;

Whereas Super Bowl XLVIII was the most-watched television show in United States history, with an average audience of 111,500,000 people tuning in;

Whereas Seahawks owner Paul G. Allen and team coaches, staff, players, and all of their families and supporters should be commended for their dedication to supporting communities throughout the State of Washington with generous charity and advocacy work on behalf of those less fortunate; and

Whereas on February 5, 2014, 700,000 fans packed the streets of Seattle to celebrate the Seahawks victory: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates—

(A) the Seattle Seahawks for their victory in Super Bowl XLVIII, the first National Football League championship brought home to the Pacific Northwest;

(B) Seahawks owner Paul G. Allen and the Seahawks coaching, management, and support staff;

(C) the Seahawks 12th Man, for being among the most loyal and loudest sports fans in the world; and

(D) the Denver Broncos and quarterback Peyton Manning on a historic season; and

(2) requests the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(A) Seahawks owner and Chairman Paul G. Allen;

(B) Seahawks President Peter McLoughlin; and

(C) Seahawks Executive Vice President of Football Operations and Head Coach Pete Carroll.

SENATE RESOLUTION 359—TO CONSTITUTE THE MAJORITY PARTY'S MEMBERSHIP ON CERTAIN COMMITTEES FOR THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH CONGRESS, OR UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE CHOSEN

Mr. REID submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 359

Resolved, That the following shall constitute the majority party's membership on the following committees for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE: Ms. Stabenow (Chairman), Mr. Leahy, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Brown, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Bennet, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Donnelly, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Casey, Mr. Walsh.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION: Mr. Rockefeller (Chairman), Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Nelson, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Pryor, Mrs. McCaskill, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Begich, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Markey, Mr. Booker, Mr. Walsh.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES: Ms. Landrieu (Chairman), Mr. Wyden, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Sanders, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Franken, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Baldwin.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Mrs. Boxer (Chairman), Mr. Carper, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Merkley, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Booker, Mr. Markey.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE: Mr. Wyden (Chairman), Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Stabenow, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Carper, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Casey, Mr. Warner.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION: Mr. Schumer (Chairman), Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Warner, Mr. Leahy, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. King, Mr. Walsh.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP: Ms. Cantwell (Chairman), Mr. Levin, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Cardin, Mrs. Shaheen, Mrs. Hagan, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Markey, Mr. Booker.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS: Mr. Tester (Chairman), Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Franken, Mr. Begich, Mr. Schatz, Ms. Heitkamp.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING: Mr. Nelson (Chairman), Mr. Casey, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Whitehouse, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Donnelly, Ms. Warren, Mr. Walsh.

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE: Ms. Klobuchar (Vice Chairman), Mr. Casey, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Pryor.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2741. Mr. REID (for Mr. NELSON) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1254, to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, and for other purposes.

SA 2742. Mr. REID (for Mr. BOOKER) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 350, designating February 14, 2014, as National Solidarity Day for Compassionate Patient Care.

SA 2743. Mr. REID (for Mr. BOOKER) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 350, *supra*.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2741. Mr. REID (for Mr. NELSON) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1254, to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 2, line 25, insert “and Prevention” after “Centers for Disease Control”.

SA 2742. Mr. REID (for Mr. BOOKER) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 350, designating February 14, 2014, as National Solidarity Day for Compassionate Patient Care; as follows:

Beginning on page 2, line 9, strike “important” and all that follows through line 2 on page 3, and insert the following: “importance of both—

“(A) being humane and compassionate; and
“(B) providing technical expertise.”

SA 2743. Mr. REID (for Mr. BOOKER) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 350, designating February 14, 2014, as National Solidarity Day for Compassionate Patient Care; as follows:

In the first whereas clause of the preamble, strike “as reflected” and all that follows through “their families”.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 12, 2014 at 10 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate office building, to conduct a hearing entitled, “MAP-21 Reauthorization: The Economic Importance of Maintaining Federal Investments in our Transportation Infrastructure.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 12, 2014 at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Fisheries Treaties and Port State Measures Agreements.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 12, 2014, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled “Extreme Weather Events: The Costs of Not Being Prepared.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 12, 2014, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “The Indian Law and Order Commission Report: “A Roadmap for Making Native America Safer.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on February 12, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “The Report of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board on Reforms to the Section 215 Telephone Records Program and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 12, 2014, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Bipartisan Support for Improving U.S. Elections: An Overview from the Presidential Commission on Election Administration.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 12, 2014, at 10:30 a.m. in room 428A Russell Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Energy of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 12, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.