

left countless children and families with devastating physical and psychological trauma: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) condemns the Russian Federation's abduction, forcible transfer, and facilitation of the illegal deportation of Ukrainian children; and

(2) implores the Russian Federation to work with the international community to ensure the return, without delay, of all forcibly transferred Ukrainian children to their families.

SENATE RESOLUTION 111—CONDEMNING THE ARMED FORCES OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND OFFICIALS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION FOR COMMITTING CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY AND WAR CRIMES IN UKRAINE

Mr. VAN HOLLEN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 111

Whereas, on February 18, 2023, the Department of State determined that members of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation and officials of the Government of the Russian Federation have committed crimes against humanity and war crimes in Ukraine; and

Whereas, on September 23, 2022, the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine concluded that war crimes have been committed in Ukraine by the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate condemns the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation and officials of the Government of the Russian Federation for committing crimes against humanity and war crimes in Ukraine.

SENATE RESOLUTION 112—RECOGNIZING THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND UKRAINE

Mr. BLUMENTHAL submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 112

Whereas the contribution of the United States as Ukraine's strategic partner has been of decisive importance among international allies in supporting Ukraine during the most challenging times in its history;

Whereas, on March 3, 2025, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine expressed its profound gratitude to President Donald Trump, Congress, and the American people for their firm and consistent support of Ukraine's independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity, as well as for the security assistance packages provided to Ukraine, which have helped stabilize the situation on the frontline;

Whereas the leadership of the United States on the international stage is inseparably linked to the defense of the ideals of freedom and democracy, adherence to international agreements, and reliability in relations with allies and friends;

Whereas the security and stable development of our Nation are ensured by the unwavering support of the United States and reflect the values that have been the foundation of America's historic success, inspiring millions of Ukrainians;

Whereas support for Ukraine is more crucial than ever for the Ukrainian people and the Security and Defense Forces of Ukraine, as well as for ensuring security and stability across the entire European continent;

Whereas the people of Ukraine desire peace and believe that the personal role of President Donald Trump and his peacekeeping efforts will be decisive in the swift cessation of hostilities and the achievement of peace for Ukraine, Europe, and the entire world;

Whereas, on March 3, 2025, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine declared that it welcomes President Donald Trump's initiatives to launch a negotiation process aimed at securing peace;

Whereas the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine has underscored the necessity of further developing the strategic partnership with the United States, particularly in the exploration of critical minerals; and

Whereas the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine has reaffirmed that Ukraine must remain an independent and sovereign state, and the Ukrainian people free and unconquered: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) reaffirms the support of the United States for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine in the face of the illegal invasion of its territory by the Russian Federation; and

(2) reaffirms the bonds of friendship and shared values between the people of United States and allied fighting forces.

SENATE RESOLUTION 113—REAFFIRMING THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE PROHIBITING ANY STATE FROM FORCIBLY ACQUIRING THE TERRITORY OF ANOTHER STATE

Mr. WELCH submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 113

Whereas the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation invaded and continue to occupy the sovereign territory of Ukraine; and

Whereas President Reagan said, "We must stand by all our democratic allies. And we must not break faith with those who are risking their lives . . . to defy Soviet-supported aggression and secure rights which have been ours from birth.": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate reaffirms the fundamental principle that no state shall threaten or use force against the territorial integrity or political integrity of any other state.

SENATE RESOLUTION 114—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION STARTED THE WAR AGAINST UKRAINE BY LAUNCHING AN UNPROVOKED FULL-SCALE INVASION OF UKRAINE ON FEBRUARY 24, 2022

Mr. BENNET submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 114

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that the Russian Federation started the war against Ukraine by launching an unprovoked full-scale invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, following the Russian Federation's illegal annexation of Crimea in 2014 and illegal occupation of parts of the Donbas region in 2014.

SENATE RESOLUTION 115—RELATING TO THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE DAVID LYLE BOREN, FORMER SENATOR FOR THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Mr. LANKFORD (for himself and Mr. MULLIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 115

Whereas, on April 21, 1941, the Honorable David Lyle Boren (referred to in this preamble as "Senator Boren") was born in Washington, DC, to Lyle H. Boren and Christine McKown Boren;

Whereas Senator Boren attended public school in Seminole, Oklahoma, and Bethesda, Maryland;

Whereas Senator Boren graduated from Yale University with a bachelor's degree in 1963;

Whereas Senator Boren attended Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar, earning a master's degree in 1965;

Whereas Senator Boren graduated from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 1968, and was admitted to the Oklahoma bar;

Whereas Senator Boren served in the Oklahoma House of Representatives, representing Seminole County, from 1967 to 1974

Whereas Senator Boren was a captain in the Oklahoma National Guard from 1968 to 1974;

Whereas Senator Boren served as the Chair of the Division of Social Sciences at Oklahoma Baptist University;

Whereas, in 1974, Senator Boren successfully ran for Governor of Oklahoma, becoming the youngest governor in the United States at the age of 33, and served 1 term;

Whereas, from 1979 to 1994, Senator Boren served in the Senate representing the State of Oklahoma;

Whereas Senator Boren served as a member of several Senate committees, including—

(1) from 1979 to 1994—

(A) the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; and

(B) the Committee on Finance;

(2) from 1993 to 1994—

(A) the Joint Committee on Taxation; and

(B) the Joint Committee on the Organization of Congress, serving as co-chair;

(3) from 1985 to 1992, the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, including serving as the chair from 1987 to 1992;

(4) from 1983 to 1990, the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate; and

(5) from 1987 to 1988, the Senate Select Committee on Secret Military Assistance to Iran and Nicaraguan Opposition;

Whereas Senator Boren retired from the Senate and became President of the University of Oklahoma, serving from 1994 to 2018;

Whereas Senator Boren spearheaded many reforms at the University of Oklahoma, including—

(1) opening the Honors College;

(2) expanding study abroad programs;

(3) beautification efforts; and

(4) support for athletics;

Whereas Senator Boren was the first Oklahoman to serve the State of Oklahoma as a State legislator, Governor, Senator, and President of the University of Oklahoma; and

Whereas, on February 20, 2025, Senator Boren died at the age of 83, leaving behind his wife, Molly, and 2 children, Dan and Carrie: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That—

(1) the Senate—

(A) has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death

of the Honorable David Lyle Boren, former Senator for the State of Oklahoma; and

(B) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate—

(i) communicate this resolution to the House of Representatives; and

(ii) transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the family of the Honorable David Lyle Boren; and

(2) when the Senate adjourns on the date of the adoption of this resolution, the Senate stands adjourned as the further mark of respect to the memory of the Honorable David Lyle Boren.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1229. Mr. GRASSLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the resolution S. Res. 108, affirming the rule of law and the legitimacy of judicial review; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SA 1230. Mr. GRASSLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the resolution S. Res. 108, supra; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1229. Mr. GRASSLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the resolution S. Res. 108, affirming the rule of law and the legitimacy of judicial review; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; as follows:

In paragraph (3) of the matter following the resolving clause, strike “all” and insert “lawful”.

SA 1230. Mr. GRASSLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the resolution S. Res. 108, affirming the rule of law and the legitimacy of judicial review; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; as follows:

In the preamble, before the first whereas clause, insert the following:

Whereas the Senate Democratic Leader, in 2020, threatened the Supreme Court of the United States to influence its rulings on abortion saying “I want to tell you, Gorsuch. I want to tell you, Kavanaugh. You have released the whirlwind, and you will pay the price. You won’t know what hit you if you go forward with these awful decisions.”;

Whereas numerous Senate Democrats in recent years have attacked the legitimacy of the Supreme Court of the United States and suggested that it was a “partisan and reactionary court”;

Whereas during the administration of President Biden, the executive branch routinely flouted the nation’s immigration, civil rights, and other laws to advance a partisan and unlawful agenda;

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I have eight requests for committees to meet during today’s session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority Leaders.

Pursuant to Rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are au-

thorized to meet during today’s session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on a nomination.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 10:15 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a closed briefing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

The Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support of the Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet in open and closed session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 2:30 p.m., to receive testimony.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. CRUZ. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent for the following detailees in my office to be granted floor privileges until the end of this Congress: Joel Coito, Dean Legidakes, and Thomas Hastings.

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

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following press secretary be granted floor privileges until March 6, 2025: Allison Arahamian.

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

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that my mili-

tary fellow Capt. Sean McSpirit be granted floor privileges for the remainder of this year.

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

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 6; that following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, morning business be closed, and the Senate proceed to executive session and resume Executive Calendar No. 25, Troy Edgar; further, that if cloture is invoked on the Edgar nomination, all time be expired at 1:45 p.m. and the Senate vote on confirmation; that following confirmation of the Edgar nomination, the Senate resume consideration of Executive Calendar No. 29, Lori Chavez-DeRemer, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture; further, that if cloture is invoked on the nomination, all time be considered expired and the Senate vote on the Chavez-DeRemer nomination at a time to be determined by the majority leader in consultation with the Democratic leader on Monday, March 10; that following the cloture vote on the Chavez-DeRemer nomination, the Senate proceed to legislative session and resume the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 18, S. 331, and the Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed; finally, that if any nominations are confirmed during Thursday’s session, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate’s action.

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

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, Senators should expect one vote at 11 a.m. tomorrow and three votes at 1:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, as a further mark of respect to the late David Lyle Boren, former Senator from Oklahoma, the Senate, at 7:13 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, March 6, 2025, at 10 a.m.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate March 5, 2025:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

TODD BLANCHE, OF FLORIDA, TO BE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL.