

S. RES. 255

Whereas Christopher Samuel “Kit” Bond, born to Arthur and Elizabeth Bond on March 6, 1939, in St. Louis, Missouri;

Whereas Kit Bond, a sixth-generation Missourian, grew up and lived in Mexico, Missouri, where he devoted his life to public service with integrity, energy, and an unshakable commitment to the people of Missouri and the United States;

Whereas Kit Bond served as Missouri’s State Auditor from 1971 to 1973;

Whereas Kit Bond served as the 47th and 49th Governor of Missouri, serving from 1973 to 1977 and again from 1981 to 1985, during which time he was the youngest governor in the State’s history when first elected;

Whereas Kit Bond served four terms in the United States Senate from 1987 to 2011, representing the people of Missouri with distinction, advancing conservative values, championing infrastructure, advocating for Missouri farmers, strengthening national defense, and working to secure America’s leadership;

Whereas, during his time in the Senate, Kit Bond worked with Missouri developers to expand the availability of housing throughout the State and played a key role in growing the Parents as Teachers program statewide;

Whereas, during his time in the Senate, Kit Bond was a strong supporter of literacy programs and efforts to make high-quality care more accessible for women and children;

Whereas Kit Bond was a dedicated public servant for more than 40 years;

Whereas Kit Bond passed away on May 13, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of service, integrity, and love for Missouri and the Nation; and

Whereas Kit Bond is survived by his wife, Linda, his son, Sam, and two grandchildren: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of Christopher “Kit” Bond, former member of the Senate;

(2) directs the Secretary of the Senate to communicate this resolution to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the family of Christopher “Kit” Bond; and

(3) stands adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Christopher “Kit” Bond, when the Senate adjourns today.

SENATE RESOLUTION 256—DESIGNATING MAY 2025 AS “AMERICAN STROKE MONTH”

Mr. LUJÁN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 256

Whereas quick identification and treatment for stroke results in a higher chance of survival and reduces recovery time for individuals experiencing a stroke;

Whereas treatment depends on the type of stroke someone is having, which must be diagnosed by a health care professional;

Whereas, when dealing with a time-sensitive medical emergency like a stroke, the right care, at the right time, at the right facility, is of the utmost importance;

Whereas a system of care allows for scientifically proven measures to be applied to every patient, every time;

Whereas, every 40 seconds, someone in the United States has a stroke;

Whereas stroke is a leading cause of serious long-term disability and the fifth-lead-

ing cause of death in the United States, causing more than 160,000 deaths each year;

Whereas nearly ½ of adults in the United States have high blood pressure, which is a leading cause and controllable risk factor for stroke;

Whereas the “F.A.S.T.” warning signs and symptoms of stroke include face drooping, arm weakness, speech difficulty, and time to call 911;

Whereas, during American Stroke Month in May, and year-round, the “Together to End Stroke” initiative of the American Stroke Association strives to teach people everywhere that stroke is largely preventable, treatable, and beatable; and

Whereas more research and education is needed to help prevent and treat stroke: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates May 2025 as “American Stroke Month”;;

(2) recognizes and reaffirms the commitment of the Federal Government and people of the United States to fighting stroke—

(A) by promoting awareness about the causes, risks, and prevention of stroke;

(B) by supporting research on stroke; and

(C) by improving access to affordable, quality care to reduce long-term disability and mortality;

(3) commends the efforts of States, territories, and possessions of the United States, localities, nonprofit organizations, businesses and other entities, and the people of the United States who support American Stroke Month; and

(4) encourages all individuals in the United States to familiarize themselves with the risk factors associated with stroke, recognize the warning signs and symptoms, and on first sign of a stroke, dial 911 immediately in order to begin to reduce the devastating effects of stroke on the population of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 257—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE CONCERNING THE ARREST AND CONTINUED DETENTION OF EKREM İMAMOĞLU AND URGING THE GOVERNMENT OF TÜRKİYE TO UPHOLD DEMOCRATIC VALUES

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

S. RES. 257

Whereas the Republic of Türkiye is a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, an important ally of the United States, and, for many years, had been on a path to join the European Union, a process that involved important democratic and other reforms;

Whereas Ekrem İmamoğlu was elected as Mayor of Istanbul, Türkiye, in 2019, and was reelected in 2024;

Whereas Mr. İmamoğlu was widely seen as a likely opposition party candidate to compete in the 2028 Türkiye presidential election;

Whereas, on March 19, 2025, Turkish police detained Mr. İmamoğlu along with more than 100 other politicians, journalists, and businessmen;

Whereas, on March 23, 2025, Ekrem İmamoğlu was formally arrested and charged with corruption and terrorism charges, including establishing and managing a criminal organization, taking bribes, extortion, and aiding the Kurdistan Workers’ Party (PKK), and was subsequently charged with

threatening Istanbul Chief Prosecutor Akin Gürlek;

Whereas the Government of Türkiye has not provided any credible evidence to the public to support the charges against Mr. İmamoğlu;

Whereas widespread protests opposing the arrest and detention of Mr. İmamoğlu have erupted throughout Türkiye, constituting the largest anti-government protests in Türkiye since the Gezi Park protests in 2013;

Whereas numerous human rights and pro-democracy organizations and political figures in Türkiye have condemned the charges against Mr. İmamoğlu as baseless and politically motivated;

Whereas, on March 23, 2025, the Republican People’s Party, the main opposition party in Türkiye, formally nominated Ekrem İmamoğlu as the party’s candidate for president after receiving nearly 15,000,000 votes in the primary election;

Whereas, on April 11, 2025, Ekrem İmamoğlu appeared in court in Istanbul and denied all charges brought against him;

Whereas the Government of Türkiye, under the presidency of Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, has engaged in actions that undermine democracy and the rule of law, as evidenced in the Department of State’s 2023 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices, which states the Government of Türkiye—

(1) “restricted equal competition and placed restrictions on the fundamental freedoms of peaceful assembly and expression”; and

(2) “restricted the activities of opposition political parties, leaders, and officials, including through police detention”;

Whereas the leadership of the Government of Türkiye has been subject to numerous allegations of corruption since 2013;

Whereas May 19, 2025, marks 2 months since Ekrem İmamoğlu was arbitrarily detained in government custody;

Whereas on March 19, 2025, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen called the arrest of Mayor İmamoğlu “deeply concerning” and stated, “Türkiye must uphold the democratic values, especially the rights of elected officials”;

Whereas on March 26, 2025, Elizabeth Throssell, a spokesperson for the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights, referencing the March 19, 2025 arrests of protesters by the Turkish police, that all those detained “for the legitimate exercise of their rights must be released immediately and unconditionally” and that those facing charges “should be treated with dignity” and “their rights to due process and a fair trial, including access to a lawyer of their own choice, must be fully ensured”;

Whereas on April 9, 2025, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe called on the Government of Türkiye “to release immediately Ekrem İmamoğlu”; and

Whereas on May 8, 2025, Turkish authorities blocked the social media account of Mayor İmamoğlu, preventing him from communicating with his supporters: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) calls on President Erdoğan and law enforcement authorities in Türkiye to present any credible evidence against Ekrem İmamoğlu or immediately release him from detention;

(2) urges the Government of Türkiye to uphold democratic values, including free and fair elections; and

(3) urges the Secretary of State to issue forceful and timely statements and to engage diplomatically with the Government of Türkiye over anti-democratic behavior.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2266. Mr. PAUL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1582, to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2267. Mr. PAUL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1582, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2268. Ms. SLOTKIN (for herself and Ms. LUMMIS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1582, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2269. Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, and Mr. SULLIVAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1582, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2270. Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mr. MURPHY, and Mr. BENNET) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1582, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2271. Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. BENNET) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1582, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2272. Mr. CRUZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1582, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2273. Mr. CRUZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1582, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2274. Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1582, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2275. Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1582, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 2277. Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1582, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2266. Mr. PAUL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1582, to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . AUDIT REFORM AND TRANSPARENCY FOR THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 714 of title 31, United States Code, or any other provision of law, the Comptroller General of the United States shall complete an audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks under subsection (b) of that section not later than 12 months after the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date on which the audit required pursuant to subsection (a) is completed, the Comptroller General of the United States—

(A) shall submit to Congress a report on the audit; and

(B) shall make the report described in subparagraph (A) available to the Speaker of the House, the majority and minority leaders of the House of Representatives, the majority and minority leaders of the Senate, the Chair and Ranking Member of the committee and each subcommittee of jurisdiction in the House of Representatives and the Senate, and any other Member of Congress who requests the report.

(2) CONTENTS.—The report required under paragraph (1) shall include a detailed description of the findings and conclusion of the Comptroller General of the United States with respect to the audit that is the subject of the report, together with such recommendations for legislative or administrative action as the Comptroller General of the United States may determine to be appropriate.

(c) REPEAL OF CERTAIN LIMITATIONS.—Subsection (b) of section 714 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by striking the second sentence.

(d) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 714 of title 31, United States Code, is amended—

(A) in subsection (d)(3), by striking “or (f)” each place the term appears;

(B) in subsection (e), by striking “the third undesignated paragraph of section 13” and inserting “section 13(3)”; and

(C) by striking subsection (f).

(2) FEDERAL RESERVE ACT.—Subsection (s) (relating to “Federal Reserve Transparency and Release of Information”) of section 11 of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 248) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (4)(A), by striking “has the same meaning as in section 714(f)(1)(A) of title 31, United States Code” and inserting “means a program or facility, including any special purpose vehicle or other entity established by or on behalf of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System or a Federal reserve bank, authorized by the Board of Governors under section 13(3), that is not subject to audit under section 714(e) of title 31, United States Code”; and

(B) in paragraph (6), by striking “or in section 714(f)(3)(C) of title 31, United States Code, the information described in paragraph (1) and information concerning the transactions described in section 714(f) of such title,” and inserting “the information described in paragraph (1)”; and

(C) in paragraph (7), by striking “and section 13(3)(C), section 714(f)(3)(C) of title 31, United States Code, and” and inserting “, section 13(3)(C), and”.

SA 2267. Mr. PAUL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1582, to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 8, strike line 3 and all that follows through page 12, line 24, and insert the following:

(12) ELIGIBILITY.—Nothing in this Act shall

SA 2268. Ms. SLOTKIN (for herself and Ms. LUMMIS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1582, to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 98, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following:

(4) MITIGATION OF CERTAIN RISKS.—A State payment stablecoin regulator or appropriate Federal banking agency may, by rule or order, limit, condition, or prohibit the appli-

cation of paragraph (2), in whole or in part, where necessary to mitigate systemic risk, protect depositors and consumers, address liquidity or operational risks, or preserve the safety and soundness of insured depository institutions. In prescribing any such rule or order, the regulators shall tailor requirements based on the nature of the custodial arrangement, the type and risk profile of the permitted payment stablecoin issuer, the size and complexity of the insured depository institution, and the scope of commingled activity.

SA 2269. Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, and Mr. SULLIVAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1582, to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

TITLE II—FOREIGN INVESTMENT GUARDRAILS TO HELP THWART CHINA ACT OF 2025

SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the “Foreign Investment Guardrails to Help Thwart China Act of 2025” or “FIGHT China Act of 2025”.

SEC. 202. SECRETARY DEFINED.

Except as otherwise provided, in this title, the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Treasury.

SEC. 203. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this title, or the application thereof, is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this title and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

SEC. 204. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated \$150,000,000 to the Department of the Treasury, out of which amounts may be transferred to the Department of Commerce to jointly conduct outreach to industry and persons affected by this title, for each of the first two fiscal years beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this Act, to carry out this title.

(b) HIRING AUTHORITY.—

(1) BY THE PRESIDENT.—The President may appoint, without regard to the provisions of sections 3309 through 3318 of title 5, United States Code, not more than 15 individuals directly to positions in the competitive service (as defined in section 2102 of that title) to carry out this title.

(2) BY AGENCIES.—The Secretary and the Secretary of Commerce may appoint, without regard to the provisions of sections 3309 through 3318 of title 5, United States Code, individuals directly to positions in the competitive service (as defined in section 2102 of that title) of the Department of the Treasury and the Department of Commerce, respectively, to carry out this title.

SEC. 205. TERMINATION.

This title shall cease to have any force or effect on the date on which the Secretary of Commerce revises section 791.4 of title 15, Code of Federal Regulations, to remove the People's Republic of China from the list of foreign adversaries contained in such section.

Subtitle A—Imposition of Sanctions

SEC. 211. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The President may impose the sanctions described in subsection (b) with respect to any foreign person determined by the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to be a covered foreign person.

(b) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The President may exercise all of the powers granted to the