

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 670—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF THE 2026 DAY OF SILENCE IN BRINGING ATTENTION TO ANTI-LGBTQI+ BULLYING, HARASSMENT, DISCRIMINATION, AND OTHER FORMS OF VICTIMIZATION FACED BY INDIVIDUALS IN SCHOOLS, AND CALLING ON COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO TAKE ACTION TO DEMAND EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY, BASIC CIVIL RIGHTS PROTECTIONS, AND FREEDOM FROM ERASURE FOR ALL STUDENTS, PARTICULARLY LGBTQI+ YOUNG PEOPLE, IN K-12 SCHOOLS

Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. DURBIN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 670

Whereas, for every year since its initiation in 1996, LGBTQI+ students, teachers, and allies have recognized a National Day of Silence to bring attention to the silencing of LGBTQI+ students through harassment and bullying;

Whereas, for more than 2 decades, Congress has supported a resolution for a National Day of Silence and a resolution for No Name-Calling Week, and most recently, Congress has supported a “Rise Up Resolution” to demand equal educational opportunities, basic civil rights protections, and freedom from erasure for all students;

Whereas young people, teachers, school staff, families, and communities must be free from transphobia, homophobia, racism, sexism, and ableism in K-12 schools;

Whereas K-12 schools must be safe and inclusive learning environments that include and affirm LGBTQI+ young people, especially those who are transgender, nonbinary, intersex, Black, Indigenous, people of color, and people with disabilities, and those who are from communities that experience marginalization;

Whereas LGBTQI+ young people frequently experience bias-based bullying and harassment, discrimination, and punitive discipline that increases the likelihood they will enter the school-to-prison pipeline;

Whereas Glisten’s 2025 National School Climate Survey showed that—

(1) 58 percent of LGBTQI+ students reported being verbally harassed by their peers at school because of their sexual orientation, and nearly 57 percent because of their gender identity;

(2) nearly 23 percent of LGBTQI+ students reported being physically harassed by their peers at school because of their sexual orientation, and 23 percent because of their gender identity;

(3) 8 percent of LGBTQI+ students reported being physically assaulted by their peers at school because of their sexual orientation, and over 9 percent because of their gender identity; and

(4) for Black, Indigenous, and students of color, these trends were exacerbated, with 75 percent of students reporting experiencing harassment or assault related to their sexual orientation or gender identity;

Whereas Glisten’s 2025 National School Climate Survey found that 67 percent of LGBTQI+ students reported that they felt unsafe in school because of their sexual orientation or gender identity in 2025, and nearly 30 percent reported missing at least 1 entire school day in the preceding month because of safety concerns;

Whereas over 200 anti-LGBTQI+ education bills have been introduced each year in State legislatures across the United States, the majority of which specifically target transgender and nonbinary young people, including—

(1) in the 27 States that have enacted policies between 2021 and 2025 that prohibit transgender students from playing alongside their peers on school sports teams; and

(2) in the 20 States that have enacted laws between 2021 and 2025 that prevent transgender students from using the school bathroom or locker room that corresponds with their gender identity;

Whereas LGBTQI+ young people are more likely than their non-LGBTQI+ peers to experience mental health concerns, including stress, anxiety, and depression;

Whereas nearly half of LGBTQI+ young people seriously considered suicide in the last year, a trend that increases among Indigenous, Black, and multiracial LGBTQI+ young people;

Whereas Glisten’s 2025 National School Climate Survey found that 7 percent of LGBTQI+ youth surveyed had to change schools in the previous year because they felt uncomfortable and unsafe at school, and more than a quarter of LGBTQI+ students who did not see themselves graduating from high school said that anti-LGBTQ+ policies or practices at school were a contributing factor;

Whereas States have passed or attempted to pass legislation that erases or censors LGBTQI+ individuals, history, and contributions from classroom literature and curricula, including the 14 States that enacted laws censoring instruction related to LGBTQI+ people;

Whereas these laws harm students and force families to consider leaving their homes, as demonstrated by Williams Institute reporting, which found that, in the year following the 2022 passage of the Parental Rights in Education Act by the Florida State legislature, 56 percent of LGBTQI+ parents of students in the State of Florida considered moving out of the State, and 16.5 percent have taken steps to move out of the State;

Whereas 90 percent of transgender and nonbinary young people say that recent debates prompted by State legislation restricting the rights of transgender individuals have negatively impacted their mental health;

Whereas data provided by the Department of Justice shows that there were a reported 222 anti-LGBTQ hate crimes in schools in 2024;

Whereas every young person must have equal educational opportunity and freedom from the fear that their basic civil and educational rights will be taken away from them;

Whereas young people who develop in positive school climates that are free from bullying, harassment, and discrimination report greater physical and psychological safety, greater mental well-being, and improved educational and life outcomes;

Whereas positive school transformation must recognize that safety is too low of a bar and that all communities deserve to be acknowledged and affirmed in schools;

Whereas students, families, educators, and community members in every State and territory are advocating for safe and inclusive

learning environments that affirm LGBTQI+ young people, particularly those who are transgender, nonbinary, intersex, Black, Indigenous, people of color, and people with disabilities;

Whereas affirming policies such as enumerated anti-bullying protections, gender neutral dress code guidelines, and inclusive learning practices are proven strategies to address hostile learning environments for all students; and

Whereas we must all demand the best possible future for all young people in schools, particularly those who identify as LGBTQI+, without exception: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of the “National Day of Silence”;

(2) recognizes the contributions of students, families, educators, and community members who participate in the “National Day of Silence” to draw attention to the bullying, harassment, assault, and discrimination faced by LGBTQI+ students; and

(3) encourages each State, city, and local educational agency to adopt laws and policies to prohibit bullying of and discrimination against students, teachers, and other school staff on the basis of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or sex characteristics (including intersex traits), so that the schools of the United States are institutions where all individuals are able to focus on learning.

SENATE RESOLUTION 671—PROHIBITING THE USE OF FUNDS FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL BY SENATORS DURING GOVERNMENT SHUT-DOWNS

Mrs. MOODY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration:

S. RES. 671

Resolved,

SECTION 1. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL BY SENATORS DURING GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWNS.

Amounts made available to a Senator from the Senators’ Official Personnel and Office Expense Account may not be obligated or expended to directly pay for, or reimburse a Senator for, the cost of official travel by the Senator that occurs during a period during which there is a lapse in appropriations for 1 or more Federal agencies.

SENATE RESOLUTION 672—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD PRIORITIZE BILATERAL SECURITY PARTNERSHIPS OVER MULTILATERAL SECURITY PARTNERSHIPS AND INSTITUTIONS

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

S. RES. 672

Whereas alliances have historically allowed states to combine their capabilities to combat shared security challenges and promote shared values and interests;

Whereas, in the era of great powers and regional hegemony that followed World War II, alliances have operated with small and medium states standing behind great powers;

Whereas the United States is the most free and powerful state in world history;

Whereas the United States has a duty to secure the blessings of liberty and provide for the common defense of the homeland;

Whereas the United States historically contributes almost one third of the total funds of the United Nations budget, yet has the same voting power and influence as all other member states in the United Nations;

Whereas the United States historically spends more than twice as much money on defense as all the other member states of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization combined;

Whereas the United States historically contributed almost one quarter of the total funds of the World Health Organization budget when the United States was a member of the World Health Organization;

Whereas the United States has contributed significantly to other multilateral institutions and multilateral security agreements at the expense of United States taxpayers and has failed to deliver returns on investment to Americans;

Whereas the significant financial and security contributions the United States has provided to multilateral institutions has not served United States interests of securing the blessings of liberty or providing for the common defense of the homeland;

Whereas bilateral agreements deliver stronger outcomes for the United States and put the United States in a more favorable position to advance its interests;

Whereas bilateral negotiations give the United States more leverage, and diplomacy is tailored to the culture, needs, and capabilities of each partner country;

Whereas bilateral agreements are often stronger, easier to secure, and can be amended more feasibly as the security environment and the interests of the United States change;

Whereas the United States is not coerced to relinquish its interests at the expense of the interests of other great powers and adversaries which are hostile towards the United States;

Whereas many multilateral agreements and institutions have outlived their original objectives and do not accurately represent the shared interests of the member states;

Whereas the United Nations is fraught with ideologies that do not align with the United States, including Marxism, antisemitism, climate alarmism, and other extremist ideologies that contradict the values of liberty and prosperity represented by the United States;

Whereas many of the countries that perpetrate gross violations of human rights against women, children, and minorities are active and influential members in the very United Nations bodies tasked with human rights protections;

Whereas the World Health Organization proved to be a puppet of the Chinese Communist Party, an adversary of the United States during the COVID-19 pandemic, and failed to make meaningful reforms following the pandemic;

Whereas the United Nations repeatedly protects the interests of adversaries of the United States by excluding Taiwan from participating in the United Nations system and elevating false Chinese data over other countries' data through the World Health Organization;

Whereas the objectives of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization outlined in the North Atlantic Treaty, done at Washington on April 4, 1949, were reached upon the dissolution of the Soviet Union, and several member states within the North Atlantic Treaty Organization no longer share values and interests with the United States;

Whereas the members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization have failed to assist the United States during its time of crisis facing the Iranian regime, which repeatedly

threatened the interests of all North Atlantic Treaty states with terrorist proxies; and

Whereas the interests and priorities of the United States are best served by bilateral security agreements with its partners and allies and not by multilateral security agreements or institutions: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) expresses that the United States must use its power, influence, and resources to encourage small and medium states to choose the United States as its great power partner and ally of choice;

(2) recognizes that the United States should prioritize bilateral security agreements over multilateral security agreements and institutions; and

(3) determines that the United States should withdraw support for multilateral security agreements or institutions that undermine United States interests.

SENATE RESOLUTION 673—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL SAFE DIGGING MONTH

Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Mr. PETERS, Mr. CRUZ, and Ms. CANTWELL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 673

Whereas, each year, the underground utility infrastructure of the United States, including pipelines, electric, gas, telecommunications, fiber, water, sewer, and cable television lines, is jeopardized by unintentional damage caused by those who fail to have underground utility lines located prior to digging;

Whereas some utility lines are buried only a few inches underground, making the lines easy to strike, even during shallow digging projects;

Whereas digging prior to having underground utility lines located often results in unintended consequences, such as service interruption, environmental damage, personal injury, and even death;

Whereas the month of April marks the beginning of the peak period during which excavation projects are carried out around the United States;

Whereas, in 2002, Congress required the Department of Transportation and the Federal Communications Commission to establish a 3-digit, nationwide, toll-free number to be used by State "One Call" systems to provide information on underground utility lines;

Whereas, in 2005, the Federal Communications Commission designated "811" as the nationwide "One Call" number for homeowners and excavators to use to obtain information on underground utility lines before conducting excavation activities (referred to in this preamble as the "One Call"/811 program");

Whereas the nearly 4,000 damage prevention professionals who are members of the Common Ground Alliance, States, the "One Call"/811 program, and other stakeholders who are dedicated to ensuring public safety, environmental protection, and the integrity of services, promote the national "Contact 811 Before You Dig" campaign to increase public awareness about the importance of homeowners and excavators contacting 811 to find out the location of underground utility lines before digging;

Whereas the Pipeline Safety, Regulatory Certainty, and Job Creation Act of 2011 (Public Law 112-90; 125 Stat. 1904) affirmed and expanded the "One Call"/811 program by eliminating exemptions given to local and State government agencies and their con-

tractors regarding notifying "One Call"/811 centers before digging;

Whereas, according to the 2024 Damage Information Reporting Tool Report published by the Common Ground Alliance in August 2025—

(1) "No notification to the 811 center" remains the number 1 top root cause of damage;

(2) failure to notify 811 prior to digging contributed to 25 percent of damages; and

(3) fencing and landscaping are the top types of work performed when professionals cause no-notification damages; and

Whereas the Common Ground Alliance has designated April as "National Safe Digging Month" to increase awareness of safe digging practices across the United States and to celebrate the anniversary of the designation of 811 as the national "Contact Before You Dig" number: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of National Safe Digging Month;

(2) encourages all homeowners and excavators throughout the United States to contact 811 by phone or online before digging; and

(3) encourages all damage prevention stakeholders to help educate homeowners and excavators throughout the United States about the importance of contacting 811 to have the approximate location of buried utilities marked with paint or flags before digging.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4791. Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. CRAMER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4201, to require the Chief of Space Operations to submit a feasibility report on expanding the Multinational Force Operation Olympic Defender; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SA 4792. Mr. BENNET submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4201, supra; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 4791. Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. CRAMER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4201, to require the Chief of Space Operations to submit a feasibility report on expanding the Multinational Force Operation Olympic Defender; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Indo-Pacific Space Partnership Act of 2026".

SEC. 2. FEASIBILITY REPORT ON EXPANDING MULTINATIONAL FORCE OPERATION OLYMPIC DEFENDER.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commander of the United States Space Command shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report on the feasibility and advisability of expanding the Multinational Force Operation Olympic Defender to include additional allies in the Indo-Pacific region, including Japan and the Republic of Korea.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection (a) shall include the following: