

the United States to review foreign investment, including from the PRC, in strategic sectors that risks undermining the security and independence of recipient countries.

SENATE RESOLUTION 708—AMENDING RULE XXXVII OF THE STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE TO PROHIBIT SENATORS FROM TRADING ON PREDICTION MARKETS

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

S. RES. 708

Resolved,

SECTION 1. PROHIBITION ON PREDICTION MARKET TRADING BY SENATORS.

Rule XXXVII of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraph 15 as paragraph 16; and

(2) by inserting after paragraph 14 the following:

“15. No Member, officer, or employee of the Senate may enter into, or offer to enter into, an agreement, contract, swap, or transaction that provides for any purchase, sale, payment, or delivery of an excluded commodity, as defined in section 1a of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1a), that is dependent on the occurrence, nonoccurrence, or the extent of the occurrence of a specific event or contingency. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to apply to insurance for which the insured holds a lawful insurable interest.”

SEC 2. SENSE OF THE SENATE.

It is the sense of the Senate that the House of Representatives, executive branch, and judicial branch should establish restrictions similar to those under section 1 relating to participation in prediction markets.

SENATE RESOLUTION 709—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL NURSES WEEK, TO BE OBSERVED FROM MAY 6 THROUGH MAY 12, 2026

Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. DAINES, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. PETERS, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROUNDS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. TILLIS, and Ms. WARREN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 709

Whereas, beginning in 1991, National Nurses Week has been celebrated annually from May 6, also known as “National Recognition Day for Nurses” through May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing;

Whereas National Nurses Week is a time of year to reflect on the important contributions that nurses make in providing safe, high-quality health care;

Whereas nurses serve on the front lines, risking their lives to treat the injured and sick during wartime, natural disasters, and public health emergencies;

Whereas nurses are known to be patient advocates, acting to protect the lives of individuals under their care;

Whereas nurses represent the largest single component of the health care profession, with an estimated population of more than 5,000,000 registered nurses in the United States;

Whereas nurses are leading in the delivery of quality care in a transformed health care system that improves patient outcomes and safety;

Whereas the Future of Nursing reports of the Institute of Medicine and National Academy of Medicine have highlighted the need for the nursing profession to meet the call for leadership in a team-based delivery model;

Whereas, when nurse staffing levels increase, the risk of patient complications and lengthy hospital stays decrease, resulting in cost savings;

Whereas nurses are experienced researchers, and the work of nurses encompasses a wide scope of scientific inquiry, including clinical research, health systems and outcomes research, and nursing education research;

Whereas nurses provide care to all individuals across the United States;

Whereas nurses are well-positioned to provide leadership, increase access to nursing care throughout the United States, and improve health outcomes for all patients;

Whereas nurses are the cornerstone of the public health infrastructure, promoting healthy lifestyles and educating communities on disease prevention and health promotion;

Whereas nurses help inform, educate, and work closely with legislators to improve—

(1) the education, retention, recruitment, and practice of all nurses; and

(2) the health and safety of the patients for whom the nurses care;

Whereas there is a need to—

(1) strengthen nursing workforce development programs at all levels, including the number of doctorally prepared faculty members;

(2) support nursing education pathways, including for post-baccalaureate nursing students; and

(3) provide education to the nurse research scientists who can develop new nursing care models to improve the health status of all populations of the United States;

Whereas nurses impact the lives of the people of the United States through every stage of life; and

Whereas nursing has been voted the most honest and ethical profession in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of National Nurses Week, as founded by the American Nurses Association;

(2) recognizes the significant contributions of nurses to the health care system of the United States; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to observe National Nurses Week with appropriate recognition, ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate the importance of nurses to the everyday lives of patients.

SENATE RESOLUTION 710—RECOGNIZING MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH DAY TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH

Mr. MARSHALL (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. MCCORMICK, and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 710

Whereas the first Wednesday of May, May 6 of 2026, marks Maternal Mental Health Day;

Whereas maternal mental health is foundational to strong and thriving families and children, and the family is the fundamental building block of society;

Whereas maternal mental health disorders are the most common complication of pregnancy and childbearing, yet far too often, these disorders go unrecognized, undiagnosed, and untreated, leaving women and families to suffer alone;

Whereas approximately 85 percent of new mothers experience “baby blues,” and 1 in 5 new mothers are impacted by maternal mental health conditions, affecting 800,000 families in the United States each year;

Whereas untreated maternal mental health disorders have been linked to adverse birth outcomes, including premature and low birth weight babies, impaired maternal-infant bonding and parenting activities, impaired cognitive development in children, and increased risk of emotional and mental health disorders like depression, anxiety, and attention deficit disorder in children;

Whereas maternal mental health conditions, including psychiatric and substance use disorders, are a leading cause of pregnancy-related deaths, with 23 percent of deaths tied to suicide or overdose;

Whereas multiple factors increase a mother’s risk of maternal mental health conditions, including a personal or family history of depression, complications during pregnancy, and partner or financial stress;

Whereas, while some research has been conducted to begin understanding the risk factors that place some women at higher risk for these disorders than others, additional research and innovation in new technologies is needed to pinpoint mental health disorders more quickly;

Whereas rural and low-income mothers who face economic instability are at greater risk of a maternal mental health condition; and

Whereas, on Maternal Mental Health Day, communities raise awareness of the maternal mental health conditions that, despite recent efforts, continue to take a heavy toll on parents and children and highlight steps to support the well-being of America’s mothers and families: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate supports the goals and ideals of Maternal Mental Health Awareness Day, including—

(1) raising awareness among pregnant and postpartum women and their families, the providers who care for them, and the public of the risk factors, signs, symptoms, and treatment options for maternal mental health conditions;

(2) honoring mothers for the invaluable role they play in society and acknowledging the difficulties maternal mental health conditions create for mothers and their families;

(3) recognizing that maternal mental health disorders and maternal suicide are serious public health problems; and

(4) encouraging research on safe and effective treatments for pregnant and postpartum women, dissemination of updated data on evidence-based treatments to the medical community and the public, and provider training on the treatment of maternal mental health disorders.

SENATE RESOLUTION 711—EX-PRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF MAY 2026 AS “NATIONAL BEEF MONTH” TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANT ROLE CATTLE PLAY IN THE UNITED STATES, AND TO CONSUMERS

Mr. RICKETTS (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. MARSHALL, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. LANKFORD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:

S. RES. 711

Whereas, in 2024, cattle production accounted for the largest share of cash receipts for agricultural commodities in the United States at \$112,100,000,000;

Whereas the United States is one of the top producers of beef in the world, accounting for 19 percent of global production;

Whereas the United States raises more than 86,200,000 head of cattle accounting for approximately 6 percent of the global cattle inventory;

Whereas the United States has the largest inventory of fed cattle in the world;

Whereas beef provides 25 grams of high-quality protein per 3-ounce serving; and

Whereas beef contains essential nutrients which help the body convert food into energy and support immune health and brain function, including—

- (1) iron, which helps with oxygen absorption;
- (2) choline, which supports nervous system development;
- (3) vitamins B6 and B12, which maintains brain function;
- (4) phosphorous, which builds bones and teeth;
- (5) zinc, which maintains immune system function;

- (6) niacin, which supports energy production and metabolism;
- (7) riboflavin, which converts food into energy; and
- (8) selenium, which promotes cell health:

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved,

That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of May 2026 as “National Beef Month”; and

(2) recognizes that—

(A) historically, cattle production has contributed about 22 percent of the total cash receipts for agricultural commodities of the United States;

(B) the United States is also the largest consumer of beef in the world and primarily consumes high-value, grain-fed beef; and

(C) beef is an excellent source of nutritious protein.

SENATE RESOLUTION 712—EX-PRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE IN SUPPORT OF GENERAL ELECTIONS IN VENEZUELA

Mr. KAINÉ (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of Florida) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 712

Whereas the people of Venezuela should be free to elect their political leaders through a fair and democratic process;

Whereas a clear majority of Venezuelans have rallied around the democratic opposition, led by María Corina Machado and Edmundo González Urrutia;

Whereas the Maduro-Rodriguez regime does not have international legitimacy or the support of the Venezuelan people; and

Whereas it is in the national interest of the United States to have a democratic and free Venezuela, free of the corrosive influence of China, Iran, and Cuba: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that the United States should use all diplomatic tools to support internationally monitored, free and fair elections in Venezuela.

SENATE RESOLUTION 713—SUPPORTING THE UNITED STATES DOLLAR AS THE RESERVE CURRENCY OF THE WORLD AND COMBATING THE ECONOMIC INFLUENCE OF THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

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

S. RES. 713

Whereas the United States dollar serves an indispensable role in global commerce and finance;

Whereas the United States dollar represents—

- (1) a stable, rule of law-based legal system;
- (2) democratic, representative government institutions;
- (3) highly liquid and reliable capital markets;
- (4) a robust and dynamic capitalist domestic economy;
- (5) deep and extensive global trading relationships; and
- (6) a significant commitment to market-based, free-floating exchange rates and independent monetary policy;

Whereas the International Monetary Fund reports the United States dollar accounted for approximately 71 percent of global currency reserves in 1999 and has since declined to 56.82 percent in the third quarter of 2025;

Whereas the People’s renminbi, the official currency of the People’s Republic of China (PRC) (commonly referred to as the “Chinese Yuan”), accounted for 1.93 percent of global currency reserves in the third quarter of 2025;

Whereas the People’s Republic of China appears to have built substantial “shadow reserves” that are under the control of the People’s Bank of China, the central bank of the People’s Republic of China, but are obscured from international data;

Whereas the People’s Republic of China maintains a non-market, fixed exchange rate that systemically undervalues the Chinese Yuan, contributing to large trade imbalances between the People’s Republic of China and the rest of the world;

Whereas there is documented evidence that PRC banks and the People’s Bank of China intervene in foreign exchange markets to limit appreciation of the Chinese Yuan to levels above the non-market-based range Chinese Communist Party leadership sets;

Whereas multiple organizations have estimated that the Chinese Yuan is persistently undervalued, including one index that claims the Chinese Yuan is 41 percent undervalued;

Whereas the Chinese Communist Party has disregarded the Paris Club and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and saddled developing countries with opaque and unsustainable debt, including through the Belt and Road Initiative;

Whereas the Chinese Communist Party’s refusal to disclose its lending to foreign

countries and reluctance to engage in significant debt restructuring is undermining the missions of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank related to global economic development and stability;

Whereas the Chinese Communist Party is now the largest official creditor and provider of export subsidies in the world;

Whereas the Belt and Road Initiative has led to an increased reliance on capital from the People’s Republic of China in developing countries;

Whereas the Belt and Road Initiative encompassed a record \$213,500,000,000 in 2025;

Whereas, since 2013, the Chinese Communist Party has invested more than \$1,000,000,000,000 in projects under the Belt and Road Initiative around the world;

Whereas the People’s Republic of China has been taking aggressive steps towards developing its central bank digital currency, the digital yuan;

Whereas the People’s Republic of China has worked to expand the use cases of the digital yuan for the Belt and Road Initiative and to settle cross-border transactions;

Whereas the People’s Republic of China has sought to influence the global economy by expanding the BRICS group, made up of Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa, and in August 2023, the BRICS group announced it was inviting Argentina, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates to join the group, and several members of the BRICS group have supported using the group to support a competitor currency to the United States dollar;

Whereas Kenya and the People’s Republic of China have been swapping repayment terms for outstanding debt from United States dollar denomination to Chinese Yuan denomination;

Whereas global trade denominated in the Chinese Yuan has doubled from 2 percent of international payments by volume in 2022 to 4 percent in 2025;

Whereas 30 percent of the People’s Republic of China’s trade in goods and services was conducted with yuan in 2025 compared to 14 percent of such trade in 2019;

Whereas the People’s Bank of China has extended 4,500,000,000 Chinese Yuan (approximately \$630,000,000,000) in swap lines to 32 separate sovereign central banks;

Whereas more than 1,700 banks have subscribed to the Cross-Border Interbank Payment System (CIPS), which is designed to be a People’s Republic of China alternative to the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT) to further insulate PRC trade from the dollar-backed international financial system;

Whereas there are reports that Iran may allow oil cargos using the Chinese Yuan to pass through the Strait of Hormuz, even as it blocks other traffic;

Whereas the emergence of a separate system of global financial infrastructure provided by the People’s Republic of China removes points of leverage against the People’s Republic of China should the PRC decide to take military action against Taiwan and disrupt freedom of navigation in important sea lanes in the Indo-Pacific;

Whereas a recently published speech given by the President of the People’s Republic of China in 2024 establishes a policy of further internationalizing the Chinese Yuan and making it a “powerful currency” that could be “widely used in international trade, investment and foreign exchange markets, and attain reserve currency status”; and

Whereas the efforts of the Chinese Communist Party to develop a parallel financial system to rival United States-led institutions poses a threat to the economy and national security of the United States: Now, therefore, be it