

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. DAINES, Mr. MORAN, Mr. SASSE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. PAUL):

S. Res. 15. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Mexico City policy should be permanently established; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. McCONNELL:

S. Res. 16. A resolution to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 17. A resolution to constitute the minority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 41

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 41, a bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate covered part D drug prices on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries.

S. 128

At the request of Mr. NELSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 128, a bill to provide provisional protected presence to qualified individuals who came to the United States as children.

S. RES. 6

At the request of Mr. KAINE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 6, a resolution objecting to United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334 and to all efforts that undermine direct negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians for a secure and peaceful settlement.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BENNET, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN.

S. 178. A bill to prevent elder abuse and exploitation and improve the justice system's response to victims in elder abuse and exploitation cases; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I have fought for years to protect our Nation's seniors from abuse and exploitation, initially, as former Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, former Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and more recently, as Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

This past June, I chaired a Judiciary Committee hearing on Protecting Older Americans from Financial Ex-

ploitation. At the hearing, we heard about numerous scams in which seniors were targeted time after time, resulting in their being defrauded, often with devastating consequences. We also heard that many older Americans don't report instances of elder abuse or exploitation due to embarrassment, a refusal to acknowledge that they were victimized, or reliance on the perpetrator as their caretaker.

Sadly, these accounts of elder abuse are nothing new. What has changed is that the scams targeting seniors are becoming increasingly sophisticated. That is one of the reasons why elder financial exploitation has been dubbed "the crime of the 21st century."

I have made it a top priority to get the Federal Government to step up its efforts to fight the abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation of our Nation's seniors.

Last year, I called on the Justice Department to outline its efforts to prevent and respond to instances of elder abuse. First, I sent a letter to the Department to find out what it's doing to protect seniors from a new and particularly troubling form of exploitation: the photographing and online publication of nursing home residents in embarrassing and compromising situations.

I also sent a letter to inquire about the Department's efforts to fight imposter scams, in which fraudsters pose as employees of the IRS or another government agency, in order to deprive ordinary Americans of millions of dollars of their hard earned money. And as tax season approaches once again, it's critical that folks watch out for these deceitful scams.

I also asked about the data the Department is collecting on financial exploitation, as well as how this data is being used to support Federal efforts to protect America's seniors.

In its response to my inquiries, the Justice Department effectively admitted that it falls short in several respects. The Department said that it "does not collect data on the prevalence of elder financial exploitation nationwide." Further, the Department said that it can't provide statistical information on the number of cases it has prosecuted for elder financial exploitation.

What all this means is that we are not getting the full picture of elder financial exploitation.

We do know that some older Americans' trusting and polite nature, combined with their hard-earned retirement savings, make them particularly attractive targets for fraudsters. We also know that the abuse and exploitation of older Americans is on the rise and it can take many forms.

Financial exploitation is the most widespread form of elder abuse, costing America's seniors between an estimated \$2.9 billion and \$36 billion annually. But, sadly, its costs aren't limited to the negative effect on seniors' bank accounts. Victims suffer all sorts of

negative effects, including diminished health, loss of independence, and psychological distress.

It is estimated that up to 37 percent of seniors in the United States are affected by some form of financial exploitation in any 5-year period.

In my home State of Iowa, so-called grandparent scams are on the rise. In these scams, fraudsters present themselves to an older American as a grandchild in distress, hoping to convince the grandparent to send cash or give out a credit card number.

Con artists are also using sweepstakes scams to steal money from seniors. A senior is called and told they have won a prize or sum of money. But before they can claim the supposed prize, the victim is required to pay taxes or processing fees. Once the money is paid to cover the taxes and fees, however, no prize ever materializes.

Other instances of elder financial exploitation are more personal in nature and have especially devastating effects. Some victims are pressured into signing over a deed, modifying a will, or giving a power of attorney. Americans have lost their farms, homes, and life savings to this form of fraud.

In short, elder abuse and exploitation is a serious problem, and it demands a strong response. It requires all of us to work together in a collaborative way.

So, today I am proud to introduce the Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act. I thank my colleagues—Senators BLUMENTHAL, TILLIS, KLOBUCHAR, and CORNYN for collaborating with me on this comprehensive and bipartisan bill's development and for joining as original cosponsors. It takes a multi-pronged approach to combating the abuse and financial exploitation of our nation's senior citizens.

We have heard a need for specialized prosecutors and more focused efforts to combat abuse and exploitation. That is why the bill directs the Attorney General to designate at least one federal prosecutor in each U.S. Attorney's Office to serve as an Elder Justice Coordinator for that district.

To ensure that elder abuse is a priority for the Federal Trade Commission and the Justice Department, the bill also calls for each agency to have an Elder Justice Coordinator.

We also need to send a strong message that efforts to target our Nation's seniors won't be tolerated. That is why the bill enhances elder victims' access to restitution and increases penalties for criminals who use telemarketing or email in their schemes to defraud seniors.

The bill also requires that the Justice Department partner with the Department of Health and Human Services to provide training and technical assistance to State and local governments on the investigation, prevention, prosecution, and mitigation of elder abuse and neglect.

Finally we have heard about the need for more data on financial exploitation

and the government's response. Gathering accurate information about elder abuse is not only crucial to understanding the scope of the problem, but it is also essential in determining where resources should be allocated. So, the bill helps to accomplish that.

It requires that data be collected from federal prosecutors and law enforcement in cases where an older American was the target of abuse or exploitation.

These and other reforms included in the bill are the product of a truly bipartisan effort, as well as insight from key stakeholders and those who've been battling elder financial exploitation on the front lines.

This 21st century crime requires a 21st century response. The Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act takes a strong step toward protecting our Nation's seniors, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 15—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE MEXICO CITY POLICY SHOULD BE PERMANENTLY ESTABLISHED

Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. DAINES, Mr. MORAN, Mr. SASSE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. PAUL) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 15

Whereas section 104(f) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151b(f)) (commonly referred to as the "Helms amendment") states that no foreign assistance funds may be used to pay for the performance of abortion as a method of family planning or to motivate or coerce any person to practice abortions;

Whereas section 518 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109-102; 119 Stat. 2202) (commonly referred to as the "Siljander Amendment") states that no foreign assistance funds may be used to lobby for or against abortion;

Whereas, in 1984, President Ronald Reagan established the "Mexico City Policy," which prohibits foreign aid for family planning purposes from being given to foreign nongovernmental organizations that perform abortions or actively promote abortion as a method of family planning, regardless of the source of funding;

Whereas, upon assuming office on January 20, 1989, President George H.W. Bush continued to enforce the Mexico City Policy as established by President Reagan;

Whereas the Mexico City Policy was reestablished on January 22, 2001, by President George W. Bush; and

Whereas, on January 23, 2009, President Barack Obama rescinded the Mexico City Policy:

Now, therefore, be it

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

(1) the President should immediately reapply and consider improving the Mexico City Policy; and

(2) Congress should expeditiously consider statutory changes that permanently codify

the Mexico City Policy or an improved version thereof.

SENATE RESOLUTION 16—TO CONSTITUTE THE MAJORITY PARTY'S MEMBERSHIP ON CERTAIN COMMITTEES FOR THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH CONGRESS, OR UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE CHOSEN

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

S. RES. 16

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

Committee on Rules and Administration: Mr. Shelby, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Cruz, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Wicker, Mrs. Fischer.

SENATE RESOLUTION 17—TO CONSTITUTE THE MINORITY PARTY'S MEMBERSHIP ON CERTAIN COMMITTEES FOR THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH CONGRESS, OR UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE CHOSEN

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

S. RES. 17

Resolved, That the following shall constitute the majority party's membership on the following committee for the One Hundredth Fifteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen:

Committee on Rules and Administration: Ms. Klobuchar, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Udall, Mr. Warner, Mr. Leahy, Mr. King, Ms. Cortez Masto.

INAUGURAL CEREMONY

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Inaugural Ceremony proceedings be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the proceedings of the Inaugural Ceremony were ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

INAUGURAL CEREMONY

Inauguration of Donald John Trump, January 20, 2017, 11:33 a.m.

The Architect of the Capitol, Stephen T. Ayers, accompanied by Mrs. Jennifer Ayers, assembled on the President's platform.

The leadership of the 58th Presidential Inaugural Committee, Chairman Tom Barrack, Chief Executive Officer Sara Armstrong, and Deputy Chairman Rick Gates, assembled on the President's platform.

Former Senate Majority Leaders Robert Dole, Trent Lott, and Bill Frist, accompanied by Mrs. Elizabeth Dole, Mrs. Tricia Lott, and Mrs. Karyn Frist, assembled on the President's platform.

Former Speakers of the House of Representatives Newt Gingrich and John Boehner, accompanied by Mrs. Callista Gingrich and Mrs. Debbie Boehner, assembled on the President's platform.

The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., and Mrs. Ellyn Dunford, accompanied by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, assembled on the President's platform.

Former Vice Presidents Dan Quayle and Dick Cheney, accompanied by Mrs. Marilyn Quayle and Mrs. Lynne Cheney, assembled on the President's platform.

Members of the 115th House of Representatives of the United States, led by Majority Whip Steve Scalise and Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer, assembled on the President's platform.

The Governors of the United States and its territories and the Mayor of the District of Columbia assembled on the President's platform.

Members of the 115th Senate of the United States assembled on the President's platform.

The President-elect's Cabinet and agency designees assembled on the President's platform.

Their Excellencies, the Chiefs of Diplomatic Missions, led by the Acting Dean of the diplomatic corps, His Excellency Serge Mombouli, assembled on the President's platform.

The Chief Justice of the United States, the Honorable John G. Roberts, Jr., and the Associate Justices assembled on the President's platform.

The 39th President of the United States, Jimmy Carter, and Mrs. Rosalynn Carter assembled on the President's platform.

The 42nd President of the United States, William Jefferson Clinton, and the Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton, assembled on the President's platform.

The 43rd President of the United States, George W. Bush, and Mrs. Laura Bush assembled on the President's platform.

The children of Vice President-Elect Pence, 2nd Lt. Michael Pence, Charlotte Pence, and Audrey Pence, accompanied by Assistant Secretary of the Senate Mary Suit Jones and Deputy Clerk of the House of Representatives Robert Reeves, assembled on the President's platform.

The children of President-Elect Trump, Donald Trump, Jr., Ivanka Trump, Eric Trump, Tiffany Trump, and Barron Trump, accompanied by Senate Majority Secretary Laura Dove and House of Representatives Chief Administrative Officer Phillip G. Kiko, assembled on the President's platform.

The First Lady, Mrs. Michelle Obama, and the wife of the Vice President, Dr. Jill Biden, accompanied by the Democratic staff director of the United States Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, Kelly Fado, Ms. Iris Weinshall, and Mr. Paul Pelosi, assembled on the President's platform.

Mrs. Melania Trump and Mrs. Karen Pence, accompanied by the Secretary of the Senate, Julie E. Adams; the Clerk of the House of Representatives, Karen Haas; Mrs. Abigail Blunt; Mrs. Janna Ryan; the Honorable Elaine L. Chao; and Mrs. Judy McCarthy, assembled on the President's platform.

The President of the United States, the Honorable Barack H. Obama, and the Vice President, Joseph R. Biden, Jr., accompanied by Senate Democratic Secretary Gary Myrick, Senate Democratic Leader and Rules Committee Ranking Member Senator Charles E. Schumer, and House Democratic Leader Representative Nancy Pelosi, assembled on the President's platform.

The Vice President-elect of the United States, Michael R. Pence, accompanied by the Inaugural Coordinator for the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies, Maria Miller Lohmeyer; the Senate Deputy Sergeant at Arms, James Morhard; the House Deputy Sergeant at Arms, Tim Blodgett; and Senator Patrick Leahy, assembled on the President's platform.

The President-elect of the United States, Donald J. Trump, accompanied by the staff director for the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies, Stacy