

S. RES. 746

Whereas police officers are indispensable members of the community who put their lives on the line to protect others;

Whereas promoting strong relationships founded in trust and mutual respect between law enforcement officers and the communities they serve helps ensure the safe and effective execution of the law;

Whereas law enforcement officers and communities that work together to address public safety concerns can create lasting solutions to difficult challenges;

Whereas recent events have sparked a nationwide call to improve the interactions between law enforcement officers and the communities they serve, particularly communities of color;

Whereas community policing facilitates peaceful dialogue, capable of fostering understanding and trust, between law enforcement officers and civilians;

Whereas community policing can help improve the equal enforcement of the laws;

Whereas community policing informs the public about the challenges that law enforcement officers face in executing their duties and provides law enforcement officers insight into the concerns of community members;

Whereas a long-term commitment to community policing is necessary to eliminate the underlying causes of crime;

Whereas the advancement of community policing should be supported to ensure that State and local law enforcement agencies have necessary resources; and

Whereas community policing has been recognized as an important tool for improving the relationship between law enforcement officers and the communities they serve: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of October 4 through October 10, 2020, as “National Community Policing Week”; and

(2) supports community policing and encourages the people of the United States, law enforcement agencies, and elected officials to identify ways in which communities can improve public safety, strengthen relationships, and build trust.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 49—MANDATING PROCEDURES TO ENSURE ADEQUATE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST COVID-19 IN SENATE BUILDINGS

Mr. Kaine (for Mr. Schumer (for himself and Ms. Klobuchar)) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration:

S. CON. RES. 49

Whereas on March 13, 2020, the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States was declared a national emergency under the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.);

Whereas as of August 7, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has—

(1) recommended “that people wear masks in public settings and when around people who don’t live in [their] household, especially when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.”; and

(2) stated that “masks may help prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others” and “masks are most likely to reduce the spread of COVID-19 when they are widely used by people in public settings.”;

Whereas as of October 5, 2020, nearly 7,500,000 people in the United States had contracted COVID-19, and nearly 210,000 people

in the United States have died as a result of COVID-19;

Whereas the United States accounts for approximately 4.25 percent of the world’s population but, as of October 5, 2020, people in the United States account for over 20 percent of those killed by COVID-19 globally; and

Whereas the Senate has seen an increase in the number of Senators diagnosed with COVID-19: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring).

SECTION 1. SENSE OF CONGRESS.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) it is essential to the continuity of government that the United States Government and officials adhere to public health guidance in order to combat the spread of COVID-19; and

(2) the absence of a coordinated and comprehensive COVID-19 strategy in the Senate is a threat to the legislative branch.

SEC. 2. PROCEDURES FOR COVID-19 PROTECTION.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

(1) the term “Senate building” means any Senate Office Building or the Senate Wing of the Capitol; and

(2) the term “Senate worker” means—

(A) an employee whose pay is disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate; or

(B) an employee of a contractor of an office or agency in the legislative branch whose regular duty station is in a Senate building.

(b) MASK USE.—All individuals shall wear a mask while in any public area of a Senate building. The Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate shall issue guidance or regulations to carry out this subsection.

(c) ADHERENCE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES.—All individuals shall adhere to guidance and recommendations of the Office of the Attending Physician with respect to social distancing while in a Senate building.

(d) TESTING AND CONTACT TRACING PROGRAM.—The Office of the Attending Physician, Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, and Secretary of the Senate, in consultation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Department of Health of the District of Columbia, shall develop and implement a program to conduct—

(1) COVID-19 testing of—

(A) Senators; and

(B) Senate workers who will be physically present in a Senate building in connection with the duties of the Senate worker; and

(2) contact tracing with respect to any Senator or Senate worker who tests positive for COVID-19.

CLOTURE MOTIONS WITHDRAWN

Mr. McConnell. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the cloture motions filed on Wednesday, September 30, be withdrawn.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.J. RES. 90

Mr. McConnell. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the provisions of the Congressional Review Act, H.J. Res. 90 remain in status quo through October 19, 2020.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

APPOINTMENTS AUTHORITY

Mr. McConnell. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the upcoming adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2020 THROUGH MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2020

Mr. McConnell. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn to then convene for pro forma sessions only with no businesses being conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Tuesday, October 6, at 11:30 a.m.; Friday, October 9, at 10 a.m.; Tuesday, October 13, at 8:45 a.m.; Friday, October 16, at 4:30 p.m. I further ask unanimous consent that when the Senate adjourn until Friday, October 16, it next convene at 4:30 p.m. Monday, October 19, and that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business being closed; finally, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume the Newman nomination.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Mr. Kaine. Mr. President, reserving the right to object.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Virginia.

Mr. Kaine. Would the Senator modify his request so that in lieu of reconvening Monday, October 19, there be additional pro forma sessions with no business conducted at 12 noon on the following dates: October 20, October 23, October 27, October 30, and November 3; further, that when the Senate adjourn on November 3, the Senate next convene at 12 noon on Wednesday, November 4, with the remaining provisions of the original request in effect?

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Does the leader so modify his request?

Mr. McConnell. I object.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard.

Is there an objection to the original request?

Without objection, it is so ordered.