

of the United States to execute that removal multilaterally;

(2) it is the sense of the Senate that the Russian financial institutions covered by paragraph (1) include—

- (A) Sberbank;
- (B) VTB;
- (C) Gazprombank.
- (D) VEB.RF;
- (E) The Russian Direct Investment Fund;
- (F) Credit Bank of Moscow;
- (G) Alfa Bank;
- (H) Rosselkhozbank;
- (I) FC Bank Otkritie;
- (J) Promsvyazbank;
- (K) Sovcombank;
- (L) Transkapitalbank;
- (M) Tinkoff Bank; and
- (N) any financial institution that is owned or controlled by, or is a successor to, a financial institution specified in any of subparagraphs (A) through (M); and

(3) it is the sense of the Senate that any package of sanctions imposed with respect to the Russian Federation is strengthened by working in concert with allies and partners of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 549—SUPPORTING THE TRANSFER OF AIRCRAFT AND AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS TO THE ARMED FORCES OF UKRAINE

Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Ms. ERNST, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. WICKER, Mr. ROMNEY, Mr. TILLIS, and Mr. LANKFORD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 549

Whereas the people of Ukraine have shown great resolve in combating the blind aggression of the Russian Federation following the further invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022;

Whereas the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation continue to assault the people of Ukraine through indiscriminate aerial attacks;

Whereas the United States Department of Defense has stated that the Russian Federation flies “on average 200 sorties per day” in their campaign against Ukraine;

Whereas Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has continued to request that members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and other countries around the globe support the transfer of military aircraft and air defense systems to the Armed Forces of Ukraine in order to protect the people of Ukraine;

Whereas the MiG-29 is the main fixed-wing aircraft in the inventory of the Ukrainian Air Force, and it is critical that the Ukrainian Air Force receive aircraft that mirror the capability and operating standard of the MiG-29;

Whereas additional MiG-29s are essential for the Ukrainian Air Force to remain capable of contesting aircraft of the Russian Federation;

Whereas, on March 5, 2022, it was reported that the Government of Poland would transfer MiG-29s to Ukraine in exchange for aircraft from the United States;

Whereas, on March 6, 2022, Secretary of State Antony Blinken stated that the transfer of Polish MiG-29s to Ukraine “gets a green light [and that] we’re talking with our Polish friends right now about what we might be able to do to backfill their needs. . .”;

Whereas, on March 8, 2022, the Government of Poland stated that Poland would “de-

ploy—immediately and free of charge—all of their MiG-29 jets. . . and place them at the disposal of the Government of the United States” and further stated that “other NATO Allies—owners of MiG-29 jets—[should] act in the same vein”;

Whereas, on March 9, 2022, the Pentagon stated that the United States does “not support the transfer of additional fighter aircraft to the Ukrainian Air Force at this time, and therefore have no desire to see them in our custody, either” and further stated that “the transfer of combat aircraft right now could be mistaken, by Mr. Putin and the Russians as an escalatory step”;

Whereas a failure to provide aircraft, such as MiG-29s, and air defense systems to the Armed Forces of Ukraine would embolden the Russian Federation and further endanger the people of Ukraine;

Whereas the Biden Administration should support the transfer of aircraft, such as MiG-29s, and air defense systems, including Stinger missiles and more advanced surface-to-air missile systems, to Ukraine; and

Whereas Congress urges the Biden Administration to meet the air defense needs requested by President Zelensky, including the transfer of aircraft, such as MiG-29s, and other air defense systems: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) encourages the President of the United States to support the transfer of aircraft, such as MiG-29s, and air defense systems to Ukraine;

(2) supports continued efforts by members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and other countries around the globe to identify additional aviation and air defense capabilities to transfer to the Armed Forces of Ukraine; and

(3) stands with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and the people of Ukraine in their struggle against Russian aggression.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, I have eight requests for committees to meet during today’s session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority Leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today’s session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is au-

thorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 10:15 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 4 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 2 p.m., to conduct a closed briefing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL

The Subcommittee on Personnel of the Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 3 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 117-81, appoints the following individuals to serve as members of the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States: The Honorable Madelyn R. Creedon of Virginia and General (Ret.) John E. Hyten of Colorado.

The Chair, on behalf of the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 117-81, appoints the following individuals to serve as members of the National Security Commission on Emerging Biotechnology: The Honorable Dov S. Zakheim of Maryland and The Honorable ALEX PADILLA of California.

The Chair, pursuant to Public Law 117-81, on behalf of the Republican Leader, appoints the following individual to serve as a member of the Commission on Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution Reform: Diem Salmon of Maryland.

The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94-304, as amended by Public Law 99-7, appoints the following Senators as members of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki) during the 117th Congress: The Honorable TIM SCOTT of South Carolina, vice The Honorable MARCO RUBIO of Florida.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m., Thursday, March 17; further, 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 be closed; that upon the conclusion of morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the Nathan nomination; finally, that if any nominations are confirmed during Thursday's

session, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. SCHUMER. For the information of Senators, there will be two rollcall votes at 11:45 and one at 1:45.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 9:29 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, March 17, 2022, at 10 a.m.