

78 percent of the over \$8,000,000,000 in remittances sent to the Dominican Republic, according to data from the Congressional Research Service and World Bank, respectively;

Whereas, on September 30, 2021, President Abinader signed presidential decree 612-21, creating a ministerial task force to advance nearshoring initiatives and strengthen the Dominican Republic's participation in international supply chains and role as an industrial, manufacturing, and logistical hub, including by expanding the country's network of free trade zones;

Whereas the United States and the Dominican Republic would benefit from a coordinated plan of action to bolster economic relations, realign supply chains, and expand ties between the private sectors in both countries;

Whereas the Government of the United States has engaged with the Dominican Republic and other regional partners to address the United States serious concerns over the security, human rights, and data privacy risks associated with investments by the People's Republic of China in telecommunication networks and other critical infrastructure;

Whereas the Government of the Dominican Republic has committed to strengthening security cooperation with the United States to address the threats posed by transnational criminal organizations and human trafficking, drug trafficking, and money laundering networks;

Whereas a humanitarian crisis, rampant crime, gang violence, and instability in neighboring Haiti, a situation exacerbated by the July 7, 2021, assassination of President Jovenel Moïse, has deepened the suffering of the Haitian people, increased risks to the Dominican Republic posed by organized criminal groups along its borders, and strained the economic capacity of the Government of the Dominican Republic to address the humanitarian needs of Haitian migrants;

Whereas President Abinader has taken significant steps to make the Government of the Dominican Republic more accountable and effective, including by addressing corruption and impunity, appointing an independent Public Prosecutor, requiring additional transparency in public procurement, and proposing legislation to modernize asset forfeiture laws;

Whereas, on October 20, 2021, the Governments of the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, and Panama signed a joint declaration expressing concern about irregular migration flows, climate change, post-COVID-19 economic recovery, the deteriorating human rights situation in Nicaragua, and the humanitarian crisis in Haiti, and called for stronger cooperation on these issues from the United States, regional partners, and the international community;

Whereas the Government of the Dominican Republic, as host of the Latin America and Caribbean Climate Week 2021, has called for greater regional coordination to address the effects of climate change, including more extreme weather events, biodiversity loss, environmental displacement, and adverse health effects, which Small Island Developing States in the Caribbean are disproportionately vulnerable to;

Whereas the Government of the Dominican Republic has called for the peaceful restoration of democracy and rule of law in Venezuela and is hosting approximately 114,000 Venezuelan refugees; and

Whereas approximately 2,000,000 people of Dominican origin currently reside in the United States, and over 2,000,000 United States tourists visit the Dominican Republic annually, accounting for the largest number of foreign tourists to the country and bol-

stering its economically critical tourism sector: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) reaffirms its commitment to strengthening the historic partnership between the United States and the Dominican Republic based on shared democratic values and efforts to advance economic prosperity and national security;

(2) encourages continued actions by the Government of the Dominican Republic to assume a regional leadership role in promoting human rights, democratic values, and humanitarian assistance;

(3) calls for further steps to strengthen cooperation between the Governments of the United States and the Dominican Republic on issues of shared strategic interest, including—

(A) by assisting the Dominican Republic in its post-COVID-19 economic recovery, including through support for United States and global initiatives that help developing countries recover financial sustainability and attain equitable access to international financial markets;

(B) by developing and implementing nearshoring initiatives in the Caribbean Basin to realign international supply chains and strengthen the Dominican Republic's standing as a significant industrial, manufacturing, and logistical hub, including through cooperation on infrastructure development such as ports, power grids, and at free trade zones;

(C) facilitating the expansion of economic and commercial ties, including by prioritizing bilateral development project financing and the formation of a United States-Dominican Republic Business Council;

(D) by improving security cooperation between the two countries, including in addressing narcotics and human trafficking, dismantling money laundering networks, and strengthening professional law enforcement and criminal justice institutions; and

(E) by increasing cooperation with the Dominican Republic and other international partners to promote stability in Haiti, address Haiti's humanitarian crisis, and facilitate political solutions supported by the Haitian people;

(4) encourages the Government of the Dominican Republic to partner with the United States to catalyze the creation of the Organization of American States (OAS) Parliamentary Assembly to facilitate legislative cooperation;

(5) urges the Government of the Dominican Republic to continue taking steps to address the inherent human rights, security, and data privacy risks posed by reliance on technology from the People's Republic of China, including Huawei components, in telecommunication networks;

(6) commends efforts by President Abinader to strengthen the political independence of the Attorney General's Office and institutionalize anti-corruption reforms; and

(7) calls on the Department of State and the United States Agency for International Development to continue to support the efforts of the Government of the Dominican Republic to respond to the humanitarian needs of Haitian migrants in the Dominican Republic.

AUTHORIZING THE PRINTING OF A REVISED AND UPDATED VERSION OF THE HOUSE DOCUMENT ENTITLED "BLACK AMERICANS IN CONGRESS, 1870-1989"

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Committee on

Rules and Administration be discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 82, and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (H. Con. Res. 82) authorizing the printing of a revised and updated version of the House document entitled "Black Americans in Congress, 1870-1989".

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the concurrent resolution be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 82) was agreed to.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1972, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE "COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT"

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 876 submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 876) commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, commonly known as the "Coastal Zone Management Act".

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 876) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.
(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF WAR CRIMES ACT

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, for 10 months, the Ukrainian people have put up a valiant fight—a fight that many thought they were going to lose in just a few days, but here they are, still standing.

As Ukraine has liberated city after city from Russia's grip, the world has borne witness as crime scene after crime scene has been revealed.

Ukraine's investigators have already documented more than 50,000 alleged

Russian war crimes—the number keeps climbing; executions, torture, rape, mass graves, innocent people—men women and children—dead in the streets or in their homes, some with their hands tied behind their backs, others bearing the telltale signs of torture.

President Zelenskyy, who has bravely made the trip to Washington this week and will speak to us in just a few moments, has called on leaders around the globe to ensure that the perpetrators of these atrocities can find no safe haven in their countries.

He is right. We must send a powerful message to Vladimir Putin and his henchmen and to the rest of the world that war criminals will have no place to hide, let alone in the United States of America.

But right now, at this moment, there is an egregious loophole in our laws that prevents Federal prosecutors from holding foreign war criminals found in this country accountable.

Senator GRASSLEY and I introduced the bipartisan Justice for Victims of War Crimes Act to close this impunity loophole and give our prosecutors the tools they need to ensure that war criminals have nowhere to hide, let alone the United States.

The Departments of Justice, State, and Defense support this change. Congress must act.

This morning I asked for unanimous consent, and this bill was passed with unanimous consent.

I wanted to put this statement in the RECORD because I think it is appropriate, as we gather in this Chamber to walk to the House Chamber for an address to the joint session of Congress by President Zelenskyy of Ukraine, that we keep in mind that we are standing in this together with the civilized nations of the world on the side of Ukraine and against the war criminals that Vladimir Putin is turning loose on the battlefield.

Let us stand together for the values that this country stands for and which the Ukrainian people are dying for every day.

This is a cause worth fighting. I am glad to be part of the effort—the bipartisan effort to support President Zelenskyy and the Ukrainian people to bring freedom to their country.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I just met with President Zelenskyy, and he made it clear that without this aid package, the Ukrainians will be in real trouble and could even lose the war. So that makes the urgency of us getting this legislation done all the more important and getting it done quickly without flaw.

So for the information of all Senators, we are still working on an agreement to vote on amendments and pass the omnibus tonight. We aren't there yet. We are making progress. But if we do not reach agreement, because of the

urgency of getting this done, I will file cloture this evening for a Friday cloture vote. And we are going to have a rollcall vote on the Schaefer nomination following the joint meeting.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate reconvenes from recess this evening, it proceed to executive session for the consideration of Executive Calendar No. 780, Agnes Schaefer, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army; that there be up to 5 minutes for debate on the nomination, equally divided between the two leaders or their designees; and that upon the use or yielding back of time, the Senate vote on the confirmation as provided for under the previous order.

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

RECESS SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:56 p.m., recessed subject to the call of the Chair and reassembled at 8:10 p.m. when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. KELLY).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session and consider the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Agnes Schaefer, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority whip.

Mr. DURBIN. We yield back all time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, all time is yielded back.

VOTE ON SCHAEFER NOMINATION

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Schaefer nomination?

Mr. DURBIN. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: The Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ), and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY).

The result was announced—yeas 68, nays 26, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 405 Ex.]

YEAS—68

Baldwin	Hassan	Reed
Bennet	Heinrich	Romney
Blumenthal	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Booker	Hirono	Rounds
Brown	Inhofe	Sanders
Cantwell	Kaine	Schatz
Capito	Kelly	Schumer
Cardin	King	Shaheen
Carper	Klobuchar	Sinema
Casey	Leahy	Smith
Cassidy	Lujan	Stabenow
Collins	Manchin	Tester
Coons	Markey	Thune
Cornyn	Menendez	Tillis
Cortez Masto	Merkley	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Moran	Warner
Durbin	Murkowski	Warnock
Ernst	Murphy	Warren
Feinstein	Murray	Whitehouse
Fischer	Ossoff	Wicker
Gillibrand	Padilla	Wyden
Graham	Peters	Young
Grassley	Portman	

NAYS—26

Blackburn	Hyde-Smith	Risch
Boozman	Johnson	Rubio
Braun	Kennedy	Sasse
Cotton	Lankford	Scott (FL)
Crapo	Lee	Scott (SC)
Daines	Lummis	Sullivan
Hagerty	Marshall	Toomey
Hawley	McConnell	Tuberville
Hoeben	Paul	

NOT VOTING—6

Barrasso	Burr	Cruz
Blunt	Cramer	Shelby

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will resume legislative session.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

TRIBUTE TO LARRY WINDLEY

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, during this break in the action this evening, I rise today to recognize not one but two members of my staff who are going to be leaving us this month.

Larry Windley is retiring from my staff as a true public servant for the people of my home State of Delaware and the people of our country.

Larry was born and raised in a place called Seaford, DE. Seaford, DE, was the home of the first nylon plant in the world, built by DuPont; 4,000 employees. It is a great town, a town that is actually going through a rebirth these days, and we are very proud of that.

Larry Windley was one of three sons. His father Bill Windley worked for DuPont and earned something like 25 patents during his tenure there for that