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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS: Mr. Lankford, Mr. Risch, Mrs. Fischer.

## SENATE RESOLUTION 32—CONDEMNING THE VIOLENT INSURRECTION IN BRAZIL ON JANUARY 8, 2023, AND EXPRESSING UNITED STATES SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF BRAZIL, AS WELL AS SUPPORT FOR SAFEGUARDING BRAZIL'S DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. KAINE, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 32

Whereas Brazil is a strategic partner and major non-NATO ally of the United States, and the bilateral relationship, which includes cooperation on economic, environmental, defense, and human rights issues, is predicated on a shared commitment to

democratic values, including absolute respect for free and fair elections;

Whereas the people of Brazil voted in the first and second round of general elections on October 2, 2022, and October 30, 2022, respectively, which were unanimously recognized as free and fair electoral processes by independent electoral observers;

Whereas Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva won the second round presidential election on October 30, 2022, receiving 50.9 percent of all votes cast by Brazilians for the presidency and defeating incumbent president Jair Bolsonaro;

Whereas, in accordance with Brazil's constitution, President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva was sworn into office as the 39th President of Brazil on January 1, 2023;

Whereas, prior to Brazil's general elections, former president Jair Bolsonaro repeatedly made false and unfounded accusations questioning the transparency and integrity of the country's electoral processes, publicly attacked the impartiality of Brazil's Supreme Court and Supreme Electoral Tribunal, and encouraged his supporters to amplify these baseless claims;

Whereas, on July 6, 2022, the then-head of Brazil's Supreme Electoral Tribunal warned while in Washington, D.C. that former president Jair Bolsonaro's undemocratic rhetoric and baseless allegations of electoral fraud exacerbated the risk of Brazil experiencing political unrest as or more severe than the United States Capitol insurrection on January 6, 2021;

Whereas, in the aftermath of Brazil's general elections, former president Jair Bolsonaro refused to formally concede to President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva and continued to share voter fraud conspiracies on social media;

Whereas, on January 8, 2023, one week after President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva was inaugurated, supporters of former president Jair Bolsonaro engaged in a violent, organized siege of Brazil's presidential palace, Congress, and Supreme Court and called for President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva to be removed from office via military or other violent intervention if necessary, marking the worst assault on Brazilian democracy since the country's transition from a military dictatorship in the 1980s;

Whereas, similar to the violent siege against the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021, Brazil's January 8, 2023, insurrection exposed the resiliency and fragility of democracy and the harmful consequences of public officials deliberately spreading electoral disinformation and disregarding the rule of law;

Whereas the heads of Brazil's three branches of government issued a joint statement condemning the "terrorist acts" on January 8, 2023, and reaffirming support for Brazil's democracy;

Whereas President Joe Biden swiftly condemned the "assault on democracy and on the peaceful transfer of power in Brazil", and committed to fully supporting Brazil's democratic institutions; and

Whereas Brazilian authorities are currently pursuing investigations to ensure all rioters, financiers, and public officials responsible for the events on January 8, 2023, are held accountable, including by examining the role of social media in organizing and amplifying the riots and opening investigations into the actions of former senior officials, including former president Jair Bolsonaro: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) expresses its ongoing solidarity with the people of Brazil and unwavering support for Brazil's democratic institutions in the aftermath of the January 8, 2023, insurrection;

(2) condemns the violent siege conducted by former Brazilian president Jair Bolsonaro's supporters against Brazil's presidential palace, Congress, and Supreme Court that was fueled, in part, by disinformation spread by former president Jair Bolsonaro over several months;

(3) commends Brazil's electoral institutions for conducting free, fair, and transparent elections on October 2, 2022, and October 30, 2022;

(4) urges social media and group messaging companies to take concrete steps to address the ways its platforms are used to facilitate disinformation and misinformation in Brazil, and to work with Brazilian authorities to address any role such platforms had in facilitating and amplifying the violent events on January 8, 2023;

(5) urges the President to expeditiously review all requests from Brazilian authorities related to the investigation into the January 8, 2023, insurrection, including any future extradition requests for former senior Brazilian officials;

(6) encourages the United States Senate and House of Representatives to support any requests from the Brazilian Congress related to its investigation of the violent siege that occurred on January 8, 2023, including sharing best practices from the investigation conducted by the United States House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol;

(7) endorses President Biden's invitation of President da Silva to Washington, District of Columbia, to continue United States-Brazil collaboration on a wide-ranging shared agenda; and

(8) reaffirms its commitment to strengthening the alliance and strategic partnership between the United States and the Government of Brazil on the defense of democracy and human rights and other issues of shared priorities, including defense cooperation, food security, environmental cooperation, and inclusive and sustainable development.

## AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I have two 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 ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 2, 2023, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 2, 2023, at 10 a.m., to conduct an executive business meeting.

## PROVIDING FOR A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS TO RECEIVE A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of H.

Con. Res. 11, which was received from the House and is at the desk.

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

The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 11) providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President.

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

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that 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 PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 11) was agreed to.

#### RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following Senate resolutions, which were submitted earlier today: S. Res. 27, S. Res. 28, and S. Res. 29.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

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

The resolutions were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

(The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

#### RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the en bloc consideration of S. Res. 30 and S. Res. 31, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolutions by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 30) to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen.

A resolution (S. Res. 31) to constitute the minority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to en bloc and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the

table en bloc with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolutions were agreed to.

(The resolutions are printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

Mr. SCHUMER. Just for the notice of the Members of the Senate and the country, we have now constituted the membership of the committees, and they will be able to proceed to meet as in regular order.

#### MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 259

Mr. SCHUMER. Now, Madam President, I understand there is a bill at the desk and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read the bill by title for the first time.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 259) to ensure transparent and competitive transportation fuel markets in order to protect consumers from unwarranted price increases.

Mr. SCHUMER. I now ask for a second reading, and in order to place the bill on the calendar, under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard.

The bill will receive the second reading on the next legislative day.

#### AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF ESCORT COMMITTEE

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Presiding Officer of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the President of the United States into the House Chamber for the joint session to be held at 9 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2023.

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

#### ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, THROUGH TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 11 a.m. on Friday, February 3, for a pro forma session only with no business conducted; that following the pro forma session, the Senate stand adjourned until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7; 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; and that following the conclusion of morn-

ing business, the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the Benjamin nomination; finally, that the cloture motion filed during today's session ripen at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7.

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

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11 A.M. TOMORROW

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 4:02 p.m., adjourned until Friday, February 3, 2023, at 11 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

##### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

DAMIEN M. DIGGS, OF TEXAS, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE JOSEPH D. BROWN, RESIGNED.

SHANNON R. SAYLOR, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE NICK EDWARD PROFFITT, RETIRED.

##### IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUAL FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

##### To be major

JEFFREY S. CLARK

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

##### To be major

ALICIA K. PREMO

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

##### To be lieutenant colonel

DAVID A. ALT  
HANS J. AMEN  
TRISH M. ARNO  
AARON J. BALLANTYNE  
SARAH M. BALLOGA  
NISHA R. BAUF  
JOSEPH A. BAXTER  
ALEXANDER F. BEDARD  
BRADLEY W. BEELER  
PETER BELL

JOSHUA R. BERG  
DLISA A. BITTERLY  
CATHERINE J. BLASSER  
CATHY DAY BOGGS  
JEREMY T. BOLIN  
MATTHEW W. BOOTH  
MICHAEL J. BRAZEAU  
JARED G. BRINKERHOFF  
MATTHEW C. BROWN  
MICHELLE F. BUEHNER  
ROSS M. CANUP

PATRICIA K. CATROW  
NICHOLAS B. CATTANEO  
DAVID H. CHEN  
MARK A. CHENEY  
DOUG S. CHO  
BLAIR K. CURTIS

ANDERS J. DAVIDSON  
AMANDA L. DEANS  
SEAN M. DEBUYSERE  
AMANDA L. DERWAE  
CHRISTIN B. DESTEFANO  
DANIELLE M. DOMBROWSKI  
JOSHUA W. DONART  
CAITLIN M. DRUMM  
KIMBERLY MARIE DUARTE  
JENNIFER A. DUNN  
FORTUNE J. EGBULEFU  
ANDREW J. FISHER  
STEVEN T. FOSMIRE  
GEORGE R. FRANCIS  
MATTHEW P. FULGON  
COLIN F. GALLAGHER  
JESSICA-RENEE GAMBOA  
DAVID S. GARCIA  
APRIL LOURDES A. GARING  
JEFFREY A. GARRETT  
DENNIS J. GEROLD