

Finally, this legislation makes important updates to the Treasury Department's authority to require participants in the U.S. financial system to take special precautions against money laundering threats. Currently, these authorities are limited to transactions conducted in the traditional banking system. But as new technologies like cryptocurrency increasingly enable new ways to conduct financial transactions, it is critical to extend Treasury's authority to crack down on illicit financial activity that may occur without customary intermediaries.

All of our constituents deserve a financial system that is protected from geopolitical adversaries and criminals. The CANSEE Act will deliver those protections by preventing DeFi services from using purported decentralization as a shield to avoid meeting obligations to prevent money laundering and sanctions evasion. That will protect the integrity of the U.S. financial system and help curtail the activities of the worst criminal organizations and malicious state actors. I urge my colleagues to support this important bipartisan legislation.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 299—SUPPORTING COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE EUROPEAN UNION TO THWART HIZBALLAH'S CRIMINAL AND TERRORIST ACTIVITIES AND TO BRING HIZBALLAH OPERATIVES TO JUSTICE AND URGING THE EUROPEAN UNION TO DESIGNATE HIZBALLAH, IN ITS ENTIRETY, AS A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION

Ms. ROSEN (for herself and Mrs. BLACKBURN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 299

Whereas, in April 1983, a Hizballah terror attack against the United States Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon killed 63 people;

Whereas, in October 1983, a Hizballah terror attack against the United States Marine barracks, in Beirut, Lebanon, killed 241 American and 58 French servicemembers supporting the multinational force peacekeeping mission;

Whereas, in July 2012, a Hizballah terror attack, carried out by an operative with dual Lebanese-French citizenship, in Burgas, Bulgaria, killed 5 Israeli tourists and a Bulgarian;

Whereas, in March 2013, a Swedish-Lebanese Hizballah operative in Cyprus was convicted of planning terror attacks against Israeli tourists;

Whereas, in June 2015, a Hizballah operative was sentenced to 6 years in prison after stockpiling more than 8 tons of ammonium nitrate in Cyprus;

Whereas the Hizballah International Financing Prevention Act of 2015 (Public Law 114-102) and the Hizballah International Financing Prevention Amendments Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-272) broadened financial sector sanctions against Hizballah to compel

foreign financial institutions to refrain from supporting the terrorist group;

Whereas, in May 2018, the Department of the Treasury imposed sanctions on Abdullah Safi-Al-Din, Hizballah's representative to Iran, Mohammad Ibrahim Bazzi, a Hizballah financier, and blacklisted 5 of Mr. Bazzi's companies, including Belgian energy services conglomerate Global Trading Group NV;

Whereas, in October 2018, French police raided the Islamic Zahra Centre on suspicion of supporting Hizballah, froze the organization's funds, and seized illegal weapons;

Whereas, in September 2020, 4 former leaders of the Zahra Centre France were arrested on suspicion of continuing to run that organization and supporting Hizballah;

Whereas, in July 2019, the Department of the Treasury designated 2 Hizballah-backed members of Lebanese Parliament, Amin Sherri and Muhammad Hasan Ra'd, and Hizballah security official Wafiq Safa, stating that Hizballah uses its operatives in parliament to advance its violent activities;

Whereas, as of April 2021, officials of the Government of Germany estimated that 1,250 people with suspected links to Hizballah were living in Germany;

Whereas Europol's June 2022 European Union Terrorism Situation and Trend Report—

(1) outlined that Hizballah “has been using the EU as a base for fundraising, recruitment, and criminal activities”;

(2) stated that Hizballah “is suspected of managing the transportation and distribution of illegal drugs into the EU, dealing with firearms trafficking and running professional money laundering operations that include the provision of money laundering services for other criminal organizations”;

Whereas the United States-led Project Cassandra and Operation Cedar exposed the criminal-business wing of Hizballah, the Business Affairs Component (BAC) of Hizballah's External Security Organization;

Whereas, during Project Cassandra, Hizballah elements involved in drug trafficking were arrested in the United States, in South America, and in several European countries, including France, Belgium, Germany, and Italy;

Whereas Hizballah's criminal activities in Europe is run by the BAC, which reports to the External Security Organisation (also known as Unit 910) or the Islamic Jihad Organization, and Abdallah Safieddine, Hizballah's representative in Iran, is also involved in such criminal activities;

Whereas, in August 2020, United Nations Secretary General António Guterres called on Lebanon to disarm Hizballah, citing the terror group's persistent violation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1701 (2006);

Whereas Iran, which is the prime sponsor of Hizballah, harbors, finances, trains, and arms the terrorist organization;

Whereas the Department of Treasury and the Department of State estimate that Iran provides as much as \$700,000,000 each year to Hizballah in the form of financial and logistical support, weapons, and training;

Whereas Hizballah has an arsenal of approximately 150,000 missiles and rockets with increased sophistication, many of which can reach deep into Israel;

Whereas Hizballah fighters have been supporting the Assad regime in Syria and have often led operations in the conflict, which has left more than 500,000 dead;

Whereas Hizballah trains and provides weapons for militias in Iraq and Yemen, which further destabilizes the region, and perpetuates violence in those countries;

Whereas Hizballah activities continue to plague Lebanon with profound economic and political instability and violence;

Whereas Hizballah's cross-border illicit arms and drugs trafficking undermines the Lebanese Armed Forces, which is the legitimate security establishment of the country, as outlined in United Nations Security Council Resolution 1701 (2006);

Whereas, in October 2012, Hizballah Deputy Secretary General Naim Qassem stated that “[Hizballah does not] have a military wing and a political one . . . Every element of Hizballah, from commanders to members as well as our various capabilities, are in the service of the resistance”;

Whereas the United States, Germany, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Slovenia, Serbia, and Kosovo, and other countries have declared Hizballah, in its entirety, a terrorist organization;

Whereas, in March 2016, the Gulf Cooperation Council formally branded Hizballah, in its entirety, a terrorist organization, and the League of Arab States adopted the same designation shortly thereafter;

Whereas the Department of the Treasury has diligently added persons and entities to the list of Specially Designated Global Terrorists who have provided material support to the Hizballah terrorist organization, thereby hampering its financing and logistical capabilities;

Whereas the European Union, in July 2013, designated Hizballah's so-called “military wing” a terrorist organization;

Whereas, despite restrictions put on Hizballah since the designation of its military wing as a terrorist organization, Hizballah continues to conduct illicit narco-trafficking, money laundering, and weapons trafficking throughout Europe and around the world; and

Whereas in July 2016, the United States Senate, through Senate Resolution 482, called on the European Union to designate Hizballah in its entirety as a terrorist organization: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) applauds and expresses support for the continued, increased cooperation between the United States and the European Union in thwarting Hizballah's criminal and terrorist activities;

(2) supports transcontinental efforts within Europe to share intelligence information among police and security services to facilitate greater cooperation in tracking, apprehending, and prosecuting Hizballah operatives;

(3) encourages the European Union to implement sanctions against Hizballah-affiliated terrorists in tandem with the United States;

(4) recommends greater civil society engagement in both the United States and Europe to underscore Hizballah's malign regional influence; and

(5) urges the European Union to designate Hizballah in its entirety as a terrorist organization and to increase pressure on the group, including by—

(A) facilitating better cross-border cooperation between European Union members in combating Hizballah;

(B) issuing arrest warrants against members and active supporters of Hizballah;

(C) freezing Hizballah's assets in Europe, including assets controlled by organizations masquerading as charities; and

(D) prohibiting fundraising activities in support of Hizballah.

SENATE RESOLUTION 300—DESIGNATING JULY 14, 2023, AS “COLLECTOR CAR APPRECIATION DAY” AND RECOGNIZING THAT THE COLLECTION AND RESTORATION OF HISTORIC AND CLASSIC CARS IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF PRESERVING THE TECHNOLOGICAL ACHIEVEMENTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MULLIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 300

Whereas many people in the United States maintain classic automobiles as a pastime and do so with great passion and as a means of individual expression;

Whereas the Senate recognizes the effect that the more than 100-year history of the automobile has had on the economic progress of the United States and supports wholeheartedly all activities involved in the restoration and exhibition of classic automobiles;

Whereas the collection, restoration, and preservation of automobiles is an activity shared across generations and across all segments of society;

Whereas thousands of local car clubs and related businesses are instrumental in preserving a historic part of the heritage of the United States by encouraging the restoration and exhibition of such vintage works of art;

Whereas automotive restoration provides well-paying, high-skilled jobs for people in all 50 States; and

Whereas automobiles provide inspiration for music, photography, cinema, fashion, and other artistic pursuits that are part of the popular culture of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates July 14, 2023, as “Collector Car Appreciation Day”;

(2) recognizes that the collection and restoration of historic and classic cars is an important part of preserving the technological achievements and cultural heritage of the United States;

(3) encourages the people of the United States to engage in events and commemorations of Collector Car Appreciation Day; and

(4) recognizes that Collector Car Appreciation Day events and commemorations create opportunities for collector car owners to educate young people about the importance of preserving the cultural heritage of the United States, including through the collection and restoration of collector cars.

SENATE RESOLUTION 301—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF JOURNEYMAN LINEWORKERS RECOGNITION DAY

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Mr. CRAMER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 301

Whereas the United States relies on safe, reliable, affordable, and clean electricity to power its economy, as well as homes, businesses, industries and manufacturers, colleges and universities, schools, hospitals, cities and communities, and so much more;

Whereas journeyman lineworkers play a critical role in keeping the United States en-

ergy grid running 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year;

Whereas journeyman lineworkers perform heroic services during national and regional disasters, including hurricanes, wildfires, tornadoes, and ice storms, while working long hours often under dangerous conditions to restore power;

Whereas journeyman lineworkers worked throughout the COVID-19 pandemic to keep the energy grid operational and implemented critical safety protocols to ensure they could continue to work in the field while keeping themselves, their fellow lineworkers, and the public safe;

Whereas journeyman lineworkers put their lives on the line every day to ensure the delivery of safe and reliable power for the United States;

Whereas July 10, 2023 marks the 127th anniversary of the death of Henry Miller, the first President of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, who was killed in the line of duty while trying to restore electricity during an outage in Washington, D.C.; and

Whereas there should be a day to honor the hundreds of thousands of men and women who also have put their lives on the line over the past 127 years to provide skillful service in times of local or national crisis: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of July 10, 2023, as Journeyman Lineworkers Recognition Day;

(2) honors and recognizes the contributions and sacrifices of countless journeyman lineworkers who often place themselves in harm's way to serve their customers and their communities; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to observe Journeyman Lineworkers Recognition Day with appropriate reflection.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 14—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS SUPPORTING THE STATE OF ISRAEL

Mr. COTTON (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. DAINES, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. VANCE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. CRUZ, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. ERNST, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. CASSIDY) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. CON. RES. 14

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the State of Israel is not a racist or apartheid state;

(2) Congress rejects all forms of anti-semitism and xenophobia; and

(3) the United States will always be a staunch partner and supporter of Israel.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 15—CALLING ON THE MEDIA TO ENGAGE IN RESPONSIBLE AND VOLUNTARY JOURNALISTIC PRACTICES TO DENY MASS PUBLIC MURDERERS THE ATTENTION THEY DESIRE AND MINIMIZE ANY POSSIBLE “MEDIA CONTAGION EFFECT” OF IRRESPONSIBLE AND SENSATIONALISTIC REPORTING PRACTICES

Mr. LEE submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. CON. RES. 15

Whereas all acts of mass public murder are shameful, cowardly, sickening, and hereby condemned;

Whereas many mass public murderers have openly stated their intention to commit mass murder to gain notoriety, infamy, and affect changes in public policy;

Whereas the United States media widely publicizes these murderers' names, photographs, life stories, motivations, social media posts, and manifests, giving criminals the notoriety and infamy they desire;

Whereas media coverage of a mass public murderer routinely outweighs the coverage of the victims;

Whereas many mass public murderers have researched, studied, and idolized past acts of violence using the sensationalistic coverage provided by many media outlets;

Whereas peer reviewed research adds to a growing body of evidence suggesting that current media coverage practices concerning mass public shootings demonstrably increase the likelihood of future mass public murders, including—

(1) a 2016 study entitled “Mass Shootings and the Media Contagion Effect” published by the American Psychological Association, which suggests a media contagion effect;

(2) a 2017 study entitled “Mass Shootings: The Role of the Media in Promoting Generalized Imitation” published in the American Journal of Public Health, which suggests a generalized imitation effect; and

(3) a 2022 study entitled “News coverage and mass shootings in the US” published in the European Economic Review, which suggests a behavioral contagion mechanism;

Whereas research by the Violence Project suggests that mass public shootings are linked to and may be a form of suicide; and

Whereas the media has found ways to responsibly and voluntarily limit coverage of other sensitive topics such as suicide, kidnapping, and national security for the common good: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress calls upon the media to voluntarily and responsibly—

(1) cover mass public murderers with the similar sensitivity as other forms of suicide completion, with the understanding that a media contagion effect may encourage additional tragedies;

(2) prioritize memorialization and coverage of the names, faces, and life stories of innocent victims killed or injured in a mass public murder;

(3) prioritize coverage of the heroism of any law enforcement, first responders, or bystanders that intervene, interrupt the attack, kill or subdue the mass public murderer, or otherwise assist the victims with critical medical assistance;

(4) minimize harm by implementing policies and procedures to deny mass public murderers the infamy, notoriety, and public platform they desire;