

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND  
TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 10 a.m., to conduct a subcommittee hearing.

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, November 9, 2023, 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 Thursday, November 9, 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, November 9, 2023, at 10 a.m., to conduct an executive business meeting.

## PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. KAINÉ. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that my legislative fellows Kristen Farrell and Walker Swain be granted floor privileges for the duration of their fellowships with my office.

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

CONDEMNING HAMAS FOR ITS  
PREMEDITATED, COORDINATED,  
AND BRUTAL TERRORIST AT-  
TACKS ON ISRAEL AND DEMAND-  
ING THAT HAMAS IMMEDIATELY  
RELEASE ALL HOSTAGES AND  
RETURN THEM TO SAFETY

Mr. KAINÉ. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from further consideration and that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 408.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 408) condemning Hamas for its premeditated, coordinated, and brutal terrorist attacks on Israel and demanding that Hamas immediately release all hostages and return them to safety, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. KAINÉ. I ask unanimous consent that the Rosen substitute amendment to the resolution be agreed to; the resolution, as amended, be agreed to; the Rosen substitute amendment to the preamble be agreed to; the preamble, as amended, be agreed to; and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 1364) in the nature of a substitute was agreed to as follows:

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute)

Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following: "That the Senate—

(1) condemns Hamas in the harshest terms for its premeditated, coordinated, and brutal terrorist attacks on Israel;

(2) decries Hamas's abductions and threats made against hostages, including threats to use hostages as human shields;

(3) demands that Hamas provide access and medical care to all hostages;

(4) demands that Hamas immediately release all hostages and return them to safety;

(5) calls on the United States to lead a global effort to demand the release of the hostages held captive by Hamas; and

(6) expresses sympathy to the hostages and those wounded, and to their families, and mourns those killed by Hamas's terrorist attacks.

The resolution (S. Res. 408), as amended, was agreed to.

The amendment to the preamble (No. 1365) in the nature of a substitute was agreed to as follows:

(Purpose: To amend the preamble)

Strike the preamble and insert the following:

Whereas, on October 7, 2023, Hamas, the Iran-backed terror group, launched premeditated, coordinated, and brutal terrorist attacks from the Gaza Strip into Israel, targeting the Israeli people;

Whereas, on October 7, 2023, Hamas invaded more than 20 communities bordering the Gaza Strip and attacked innocent young people attending the Tribe of Nova music festival;

Whereas, since October 7, 2023, Hamas has killed more than 1,400 Israelis, along with at least 30 United States citizens, and wounded nearly 4,000 people;

Whereas reports and videos have surfaced of Hamas executing Israeli civilians, including entire families being slaughtered and horrific acts of violence targeting young children;

Whereas, since October 7, 2023, Hamas has fired more than 5,000 rockets into Israel;

Whereas it is estimated that nearly 240 people were abducted and are being held hostage in the Gaza Strip;

Whereas more than 20 countries have verified their citizens were either killed or are unaccounted for, with many believed to be taken hostage by Hamas;

Whereas children and the elderly are among those taken hostage by Hamas;

Whereas some hostages, including multiple United States citizens, are known to be in dire need of urgent medical assistance;

Whereas Hamas has threatened to execute hostages and broadcast the executions publicly;

Whereas, in 1997, the United States designated Hamas a foreign terrorist organization;

Whereas United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres condemned the attacks by Hamas in the strongest terms and unequivocally called for the "immediate release of all abducted persons"; and

Whereas the deliberate murder and hostage-taking of innocent civilians are prohibited by international law: Now, therefore, be it

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

The resolution, as amended, with its preamble, as amended, reads as follows:

S. RES. 408

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Whereas the deliberate murder and hostage-taking of innocent civilians are prohibited by international law: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) condemns Hamas in the harshest terms for its premeditated, coordinated, and brutal terrorist attacks on Israel;

(2) decries Hamas's abductions and threats made against hostages, including threats to use hostages as human shields;

(3) demands that Hamas provide access and medical care to all hostages;

(4) demands that Hamas immediately release all hostages and return them to safety;

(5) calls on the United States to lead a global effort to demand the release of the hostages held captive by Hamas; and

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RECOGNIZING NATIONAL NATIVE  
AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH  
AND CELEBRATING THE HERIT-  
AGES AND CULTURES OF NA-  
TIVE AMERICANS AND THE CON-  
TRIBUTIONS OF NATIVE AMERI-  
CANS TO THE UNITED STATES

Mr. KAINÉ. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 459, which was 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. 459) recognizing National Native American Heritage Month and celebrating the heritages and cultures of Native Americans and the contributions of Native Americans to the United States.

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

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 459) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

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

#### ORDERS FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 3 p.m. on Monday, November 13; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, 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 to resume consideration of the de Alba nomination postcloture; further, that all postcloture time be considered expired at 5:30 p.m. and the cloture motion filed during today's session ripen at 5:30 p.m.; finally, that if any nominations are confirmed during Monday'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.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023, AT 3 P.M.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, 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 4:28 p.m., adjourned until Monday, November 13, 2023, at 3 p.m.

#### CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate November 9, 2023:

##### THE JUDICIARY

MONICA RAMIREZ ALMADANI, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA.

BRANDY R. MCMILLION, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN.