

The Congressional Gold Medal is a fitting award for an American who devoted his life and career to uplifting underserved communities in the U.S. and abroad. I want to thank Representative CARSON for introducing this bill in the House, and I hope that our colleagues on both sides of the aisle will join us in awarding a posthumous Congressional Gold Medal to Muhammad Ali.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KIM, Mr. GALLEG0, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. REED, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 367. A bill to prohibit the importation, sale, manufacture, transfer, or possession of .50 caliber rifles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 367

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Stop Arming Cartels Act of 2025".

SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON RIFLES CAPABLE OF FIRING .50 CALIBER AMMUNITION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in section 922, by adding at the end the following:

“(aa) RIFLES CAPABLE OF FIRING .50 CALIBER AMMUNITION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), it shall be unlawful for any person to import, sell, manufacture, transfer, or possess, in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce, a rifle capable of firing .50 caliber ammunition.

“(2) EXCEPTIONS.—

“(A) GOVERNMENT USE.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to the importation for, manufacture for, sale to, transfer to, or possession by the United States, a department or agency of the United States, a State, or a department, agency, or political subdivision of a State, of a rifle capable of firing .50 caliber ammunition.

“(B) GRANDFATHERED RIFLES.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to the sale, transfer, or possession of any rifle otherwise lawfully possessed on or before the date of enactment of the Stop Arming Cartels Act of 2025.”; and

(2) in section 924(a)(1)(B), by striking “or (q)” and inserting “(q), or (aa)”.

(b) INCLUSION OF CERTAIN RIFLES AS FIREARMS UNDER NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 5845(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “and (8) a destructive device” and inserting “(8) a destructive device; and (9) a rifle which is capable of firing .50 caliber ammunition and is lawfully possessed on or before the date of enactment of the Stop Arming Cartels Act of 2025”.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), the amendments made by this subsection shall take effect on the date which is 12 months after the date of enactment of this Act.

(B) REGISTRATION.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) or any other provision of law, any person possessing a rifle which is capable of firing .50 caliber ammunition which is not registered to such person in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record shall register each such rifle so possessed with the Secretary in such form and manner as the Secretary may require within the 12-month period immediately following the date of enactment of this Act. No fee or tax shall be imposed with respect to any registration required under this subparagraph.

(ii) INCLUSION IN REGISTRY.—Any registration described in clause (i) shall become a part of the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record. No information or evidence required to be submitted or retained by a natural person to register a firearm under this subparagraph shall be used, directly or indirectly, as evidence against such person in any criminal proceeding with respect to a prior or concurrent violation of law.

(C) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

(i) NATIONAL FIREARMS REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER RECORD.—The term “National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record” means the registry established pursuant to section 5841 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(ii) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” has the same meaning given such term under section 7701(a)(11)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

SEC. 3. EXCEPTION TO COVERAGE UNDER PROTECTION OF LAWFUL COMMERCE IN ARMS ACT.

Section 4(5)(A) of the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act (15 U.S.C. 7903(5)(A)) is amended—

(1) in clause (v), by striking “or” at the end;

(2) in clause (vi), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(vii) an action brought against a manufacturer or seller that knowingly sells or transfers a qualified product, or attempts or conspires to do so, knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that the transaction is prohibited under section 805(c) of the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act (21 U.S.C. 1904(c)).”.

SEC. 4. FEDERAL FIREARM PROHIBITOR FOR SIGNIFICANT FOREIGN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS AND CERTAIN OTHER FOREIGN PERSONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 922(d) of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (10), by striking “or” at the end;

(2) by redesignating paragraph (11) as paragraph (12);

(3) by inserting after paragraph (10) the following:

“(11) is—

“(A) a significant foreign narcotics trafficker publicly identified by the President in a report under subsection (b) or (h)(1) of section 804 of the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act (21 U.S.C. 1903); or

“(B) a foreign person designated by the Secretary of the Treasury under section 805(b) of the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act (21 U.S.C. 1904(b)); or”;

(4) in paragraph (12), as so redesignated, by striking “(10)” and inserting “(11)”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS RELATING TO NICS.—Section 103 of the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act (34 U.S.C. 40901) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(2)(D), by inserting “or that transfer of a firearm or ammunition to the individual would violate subsection (d)(11) of such section 922” after “section 922 of title 18, United States Code,”;

(2) in subsection (e)(1)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “or to whom transfer of a firearm would violate subsection (d)(11) of such section 922,” after “section 922 of title 18, United States Code or State law,”;

(B) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “or that transfer of a firearm or ammunition to the person would violate subsection (d)(11) of such section 922,” after “section 922 of title 18, United States Code,”;

(C) in subparagraph (F)(iii)(I), by striking “(g) or (n)” and inserting “(d)(11), (g), or (n)”;

(D) in subparagraph (G)(i), by striking “(g) or (n)” and inserting “(d)(11), (g), or (n)”;

(3) in subsection (g), by inserting “or that transfer of a firearm to a prospective transferee would violate subsection (d)(11) of such section 922,” after “section 922 of title 18, United States Code or State law,”; and

(4) in subsection (i)(2)—

(A) by striking “persons,” and inserting “persons who are”; and

(B) by inserting before the period at the end the following: “, or to whom transfer of a firearm would violate subsection (d)(11) of such section 922”.

SEC. 5. ADDING RIFLES TO MULTIPLE FIREARM SALES REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

Section 923(g)(3)(A) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking “pistols, or revolvers, or any combination of pistols and revolvers” and inserting “pistols, revolvers, or rifles, or any combination of pistols, revolvers, and rifles”.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 51—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IS ESSENTIAL FOR ADVANCING THE NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. GALLEG0, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KIM, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SLOTKIN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 51

Whereas the United States Agency for International Development (referred to in this preamble as “USAID”) was created in 1961 by Executive Order 10973 (26 Fed. Reg. 10469; relating to the administration of foreign assistance and related functions), based on authority provided in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.);

Whereas USAID was subsequently established as an independent agency by the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (division G of Public Law 105-277; 112 Stat. 2681-761); and

Whereas the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-47) explicitly requires both congressional consultation and notification to Congress for any reorganizations, consolidations, or downsizing of USAID: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate affirms the centrality of the United States Agency for International Development in advancing the national security interests of the United States by—

(1) mitigating threats abroad before such threats reach the shores of the United States;

(2) promoting global stability;

(3) addressing the root causes of migration and extremism; and

(4) securing the leadership and influence of the United States in an era of strategic competition with the People’s Republic of China.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. HOEVEN. Mr. President, I have one request for a committee to meet during today’s session of the Senate. It has the Approval of the Majority and Minority Leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committee is authorized to meet during today’s session of the Senate.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Monday, February 3, 2025, at 5:45 p.m., to conduct a business meeting.

FOREIGN TRAVEL FINANCIAL REPORTS

In accordance with the appropriate provisions of law, the Secretary of the Senate herewith submits the following reports for standing committees of the Senate, certain joint committees of the Congress, delegations and groups, and select and special committees of the Senate, relating to expenses incurred in the performance of authorized foreign travel:

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR TRAVEL FROM OCT. 1 TO DEC. 31, 2024

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem	Transportation	Miscellaneous	Total
		U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Robert Leonard:					
Germany	Euro	701.96			701.96
Poland	Zloty	469.21			469.21
Ukraine	Hryvnia	241.45			241.45
United States	US Dollar		14,718.56		14,718.56
Delegation Expenses: *					
Germany	Euro			913.70	913.70
Poland	Zloty			588.06	588.06
Ukraine	Hryvnia			125.53	125.53
Alexander Carnes:					
Gabon	CFA Franc BEAC	359.74			359.74
Ivory Coast	CFA Franc BCEAO	843.34			843.34
United States	US Dollar		2,243.09		2,243.09
Delegation Expenses: *					
Gabon	CFA Franc BEAC			2,071.53	2,071.53
Ivory Coast	CFA Franc BCEAO			4,770.46	4,770.46
Mexico	Mexican Peso			2,083.00	2,083.00
Senator Lindsey Graham:					
Israel	US Dollar	845.00			845.00
Saudi Arabia	US Dollar	1,214.76			1,214.76
United Arab Emirates	US Dollar	490.19			490.19
Ryan Geary:					
Israel	US Dollar	845.00			845.00
Saudi Arabia	US Dollar	1,214.76			1,214.76
United Arab Emirates	US Dollar	490.19			490.19
Delegation Expenses: *					
Israel	New Israeli Sheqel			1,371.51	1,371.51
Saudi Arabia	Saudi Riyal			2,164.00	2,164.00
United Arab Emirates	UAE Dirham			569.33	569.33
Paul Grove:					
Fiji	US Dollar	1,386.50			1,386.50
Solomon Islands	US Dollar	317.42			317.42
Tonga	US Dollar	294.00			294.00
Tuvalu	US Dollar	468.72			468.72
United States	US Dollar		6,306.39		6,306.39
Vanuatu	US Dollar	238.00			238.00
Delegation Expenses: *					
Fiji	Fiji Dollar			597.50	597.50
Senator Lindsey Graham:					
Israel	US Dollar	410.00			410.00
Saudi Arabia	US Dollar	1,214.76			1,214.76
United Arab Emirates	US Dollar	223.00			223.00
United States	US Dollar		17,608.51		17,608.51
Ryan Geary:					
Saudi Arabia	US Dollar	1,214.76			1,214.76
United Arab Emirates	US Dollar	223.00			223.00
United States	US Dollar		9,029.04		9,029.04
Delegation Expenses: *					
Israel	New Israeli Sheqel			2,335.81	2,335.81
Saudi Arabia	Saudi Riyal			1,383.46	1,383.46
United Arab Emirates	UAE Dirham			676.00	676.00
Senator Lindsey Graham:					
Israel	US Dollar	742.00			742.00
United Arab Emirates	US Dollar	212.30			212.30
United States	US Dollar		20,466.42		20,466.42
Ryan Geary:					
Israel	US Dollar	742.00			742.00
United Arab Emirates	US Dollar	212.30			212.30
United States	US Dollar		20,381.42		20,381.42
Delegation Expenses: *					
Israel	New Israeli Sheqel			4,156.57	4,156.57
Paul Grove:					
Poland	US Dollar	195.36			195.36
Ukraine	US Dollar	317.70			317.70
United States	US Dollar		6,034.21		6,034.21
Delegation Expenses: *					
Poland	Zloty			352.30	352.30
Ukraine	Hryvnia			146.91	146.91
Senator John Hoeven:					
Czech Republic	US Dollar	964.33			964.33
Greece	US Dollar	428.00			428.00
Hungary	US Dollar	850.00			850.00
Anthony Eberhard:					
Czech Republic	US Dollar	964.33			964.33