

S. RES. 283

*Resolved*, That the following shall constitute the majority party's membership on the following committees for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION: Mr. Rockefeller (Chairman), Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Nelson, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Pryor, Mrs. McCaskill, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Warner, Mr. Begich, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Markey, Mr. Booker.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Mrs. Boxer (Chairman), Mr. Baucus, Mr. Carper, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Merkley, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Booker.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP: Ms. Landrieu (Chairman), Mr. Levin, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Cardin, Mrs. Shaheen, Mrs. Hagan, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Markey, Mr. Booker.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 284—CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN TO IMMEDIATELY RELEASE SAEED ABEDINI AND ALL OTHER INDIVIDUALS DETAINED ON ACCOUNT OF THEIR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS

Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. PAUL) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

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Whereas, in September 2012, Saeed Abedini, a resident of the State of Idaho and a minority Christian with dual Iranian-United States citizenship, was arbitrarily detained in the Islamic Republic of Iran, held in solitary confinement, physically beaten, denied access to necessary medical treatment as a result of that abuse, and denied access to his lawyer until just before his trial;

Whereas, in January 2013, an Iranian court accused Saeed Abedini of attempting to undermine the national security of Iran by gathering with fellow Christians in private homes;

Whereas Saeed Abedini was tried in a non-public trial before a judge who had been sanctioned by the European Union for repeated violations of human rights, including issuing long prison sentences to peaceful protestors following the 2009 election;

Whereas, during the trial, Saeed Abedini and his Iranian attorney were barred from attending portions of the trial in which the prosecution provided and the judge received evidence through witness testimony;

Whereas the Iranian court sentenced Saeed Abedini to 8 years in prison;

Whereas, in August 2013, the 36th branch of the Tehran appeals court denied Saeed Abedini's appeal and affirmed his 8-year sentence;

Whereas the Government of Iran continues to indefinitely imprison Saeed Abedini for peacefully exercising his faith;

Whereas the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights declares that every individual has "the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion", which includes the "freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance", and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights echoes that declaration;

Whereas the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights holds that every individual shall be free from arbitrary arrest

and detention, and that every individual bears the right to have adequate time and facilities for the preparation of his defense and to be present during the duration of his trial;

Whereas the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights further guarantees every individual the right to a fair and public hearing by a competent, independent, and impartial tribunal;

Whereas Iran is a member of the United Nations and a signatory to both the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights without reservation;

Whereas articles 13 and 23 through 27 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Iran provide for freedom of expression, assembly, and association, as well as the freedom to practice one's religion;

Whereas Iran is a religiously diverse society and the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran reports that religious minorities, including Nematollahi Sufi Muslims, Sunnis, Baha'is, and Christians, face human rights violations in Iran;

Whereas, in recent years, there has been an increase in the number of incidents of Iranian authorities raiding religious services, detaining worshipers and religious leaders, and harassing and threatening minority religious members;

Whereas the United Nations Special Rapporteur reports that Iranian intelligence officials are known to threaten Christian converts with arrest and apostasy charges if they do not return to Islam; and

Whereas President Barack Obama has called on President Hassan Rouhani to demonstrate the commitment of Iran to individual human rights through the release of all prisoners of conscience: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes that freedom of religious belief and practice is a universal human right and a fundamental freedom of every individual, regardless of race, sex, country, creed, or nationality, and should never be arbitrarily abridged by any government;

(2) recognizes that governments have a responsibility to protect the fundamental rights of their citizens; and

(3) calls on the Government of Iran to immediately release Saeed Abedini and all other individuals detained on account of their religious beliefs.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2009. Mr. REID (for Mrs. BOXER) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 3080, to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes.

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

**SA 2009.** Mr. REID (for Mrs. BOXER) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 3080, to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Water Resources Development Act of 2013".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.  
Sec. 2. Definition of Secretary.

#### TITLE I—WATER RESOURCE PROJECTS

Sec. 1001. Purposes.  
Sec. 1002. Project authorizations.  
Sec. 1003. Project review.  
Sec. 1004. Future project authorizations.

#### TITLE II—WATER RESOURCES POLICY REFORMS

Sec. 2001. Purposes.  
Sec. 2002. Safety assurance review.  
Sec. 2003. Continuing authority programs.  
Sec. 2004. Continuing authority program prioritization.  
Sec. 2005. Fish and wildlife mitigation.  
Sec. 2006. Mitigation status report.  
Sec. 2007. Independent peer review.  
Sec. 2008. Operation and maintenance of navigation and hydroelectric facilities.  
Sec. 2009. Hydropower at Corps of Engineers facilities.  
Sec. 2010. Clarification of work-in-kind credit authority.  
Sec. 2011. Transfer of excess work-in-kind credit.  
Sec. 2012. Credit for in-kind contributions.  
Sec. 2013. Credit in lieu of reimbursement.  
Sec. 2014. Dam optimization.  
Sec. 2015. Water supply.  
Sec. 2016. Report on water storage pricing formulas.  
Sec. 2017. Clarification of previously authorized work.  
Sec. 2018. Consideration of Federal land in feasibility studies.  
Sec. 2019. Planning assistance to States.  
Sec. 2020. Vegetation management policy.  
Sec. 2021. Levee certifications.  
Sec. 2022. Restoration of flood and hurricane storm damage reduction projects.  
Sec. 2023. Operation and maintenance of certain projects.  
Sec. 2024. Dredging study.  
Sec. 2025. Non-Federal project implementation pilot program.  
Sec. 2026. Non-Federal implementation of feasibility studies.  
Sec. 2027. Tribal partnership program.  
Sec. 2028. Cooperative agreements with Columbia River Basin Indian tribes.  
Sec. 2029. Military munitions response actions at civil works shoreline protection projects.  
Sec. 2030. Beach nourishment.  
Sec. 2031. Regional sediment management.  
Sec. 2032. Study acceleration.  
Sec. 2033. Project acceleration.  
Sec. 2034. Feasibility studies.  
Sec. 2035. Accounting and administrative expenses.  
Sec. 2036. Determination of project completion.  
Sec. 2037. Project partnership agreements.  
Sec. 2038. Interagency and international support authority.  
Sec. 2039. Acceptance of contributed funds to increase lock operations.  
Sec. 2040. Emergency response to natural disasters.  
Sec. 2041. Systemwide improvement frameworks.  
Sec. 2042. Funding to process permits.  
Sec. 2043. National riverbank stabilization and erosion prevention study and pilot program.  
Sec. 2044. Hurricane and storm damage risk reduction prioritization.  
Sec. 2045. Prioritization of ecosystem restoration efforts.  
Sec. 2046. Special use permits.  
Sec. 2047. Operations and maintenance on fuel taxed inland waterways.