

RAISING AWARENESS AND ENCOURAGING PREVENTION OF STALKING

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 359, S. Con. Res. 58.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 58) expressing the sense of Congress with respect to raising awareness and encouraging prevention of stalking in the United States and supporting the goals and ideals of National Stalking Awareness Month.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution, which had been reported from the Committee on the Judiciary with an amendment, an amendment to the preamble, and an amendment to the title.

[Strike the parts, shown in black brackets and insert the parts shown in italic.]

S. CON. RES. 58

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Whereas 81 percent of women who are stalked by an intimate partner are also physically assaulted by that partner, and 76 percent of women who are killed by an intimate partner were also stalked by that intimate partner;

Whereas 26 percent of stalking victims lose time from work as a result of their victimization and 7 percent never return to work;

Whereas stalking victims are forced to take drastic measures to protect themselves, such as relocating, changing their address, changing their identities, changing jobs, and obtaining protection orders;

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Whereas stalking is a crime under Federal law and under the laws of all 50 States and the District of Columbia;

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*Whereas Congress urges the establishment of January, 2004 as National Stalking Awareness Month: Now, therefore, be it*

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That—*

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[(B) all Americans should applaud the efforts of the many victim service providers, police, prosecutors, national and community organizations, and private sector supporters for their efforts in promoting awareness about stalking; and

[(C) policymakers, criminal justice officials, victim service and human service agencies, nonprofits, and others should recognize the need to increase awareness of stalking and availability of services for stalking victims;

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[(3) Congress supports the goals and ideals of National Stalking Awareness Month.]

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Amend the title so as to read: "Resolution raising awareness and encouraging prevention of stalking by urging the establishment of January 2004 as National Stalking Awareness Month."

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the committee amendment be agreed to, the concurrent resolution as amended, be agreed to, the amendment to the preamble be agreed to, the preamble, as amended, be agreed to, the title amendment be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc, and that any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 58), as amended, was agreed to.

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The title amendment was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

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APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-83, announces the appointment of the following Senators to serve as members of the National Council of the Arts: the