

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—117th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. Res. 322

Reaffirming the alliance between the United States and Bulgaria, congratulating Bulgaria on its July 11, 2021 parliamentary elections, and calling for continued progress in Bulgaria towards combating corruption, respecting the freedom of the press, and protecting minority rights.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by Mr. CARDIN

Viz:

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

1 (1) reaffirms its commitment to the historic
2 partnership between the United States and Bulgaria
3 and to advance democracy, prosperity, and security
4 in Bulgaria;

5 (2) congratulates the Bulgarian people on the
6 successful conduct of the October 2 parliamentary
7 elections;

1 (3) declares its support for the Three Seas Ini-
2 tiative;

3 (4) urges Bulgarian authorities to redouble ef-
4 forts to address corruption, sustain and protect a
5 healthy independent media, and protect the rights of
6 all minority groups in Bulgaria, in line with its com-
7 mitments to the Organization for Security and Co-
8 operation in Europe;

9 (5) encourages Bulgaria to support the aspira-
10 tions for European Union membership of neigh-
11 boring North Macedonia;

12 (6) supports Bulgaria's efforts to diversify its
13 energy sources to minimize the malign influence of
14 dominant suppliers;

15 (7) urges Bulgaria to fully comply with the Eu-
16 ropean Union's embargo on oil from the Russian
17 Federation, including by not reexporting oil from the
18 Lukoil Neftohim refinery located in Burgas, Bul-
19 garia; and

20 (8) affirms its intent to continue to support
21 Bulgaria's efforts in these areas, including through
22 the application of a wide range of supportive meas-
23 ures, such as—

24 (A) targeted Global Magnitsky Sanctions,
25 as and when appropriate; and

1 (B) support for independent journalism,
2 including through the recently returned Radio
3 Free Europe Bulgarian Service, which excels in
4 investigative reporting.