

Manager's Substitute Amendment

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—117th Cong., 2d Sess.**S. Res. 472**

Reaffirming the partnership between the United States and the Dominican Republic and advancing opportunities to deepen diplomatic, economic, and security cooperation between the two nations.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by Mr. MENENDEZ

Viz:

1 Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 (1) reaffirms its commitment to strengthening
4 the historic partnership between the United States
5 and the Dominican Republic based on shared demo-
6 cratic values and efforts to advance economic pros-
7 perity and national security;

8 (2) encourages continued actions by the Gov-
9 ernment of the Dominican Republic to assume a re-
10 gional leadership role in promoting human rights,
11 democratic values, and humanitarian assistance;

1 (3) calls for further steps to strengthen co-
2 operation between the Governments of the United
3 States and the Dominican Republic on issues of
4 shared strategic interest, including—

5 (A) by assisting the Dominican Republic in
6 its post-COVID–19 economic recovery, includ-
7 ing through support for United States and glob-
8 al initiatives that help developing countries re-
9 cover financial sustainability and attain equi-
10 table access to international financial markets;

11 (B) by developing and implementing
12 nearshoring initiatives in the Caribbean Basin
13 to realign international supply chains and
14 strengthen the Dominican Republic’s standing
15 as a significant industrial, manufacturing, and
16 logistical hub, including through cooperation on
17 infrastructure development such as ports, power
18 grids, and at free trade zones;

19 (C) facilitating the expansion of economic
20 and commercial ties, including by prioritizing
21 bilateral development project financing and the
22 formation of a United States-Dominican Repub-
23 lic Business Council;

24 (D) by supporting and developing collabo-
25 rative efforts to mitigate and adapt to the ef-

1 fects of climate change, including promoting de-
2 velopment and strengthening the U.S.-Carib-
3 bean Resilience Partnership and similar initia-
4 tives;

5 (E) by improving security cooperation be-
6 tween the two countries, including in addressing
7 narcotics and human trafficking, dismantling
8 money laundering networks, and strengthening
9 professional law enforcement and criminal jus-
10 tice institutions; and

11 (F) by increasing cooperation with the Do-
12 minican Republic and other international part-
13 ners to promote stability in Haiti, address Hai-
14 ti's humanitarian crisis, and facilitate political
15 solutions supported by the Haitian people;

16 (4) encourages the Government of the Domini-
17 can Republic to partner with the United States to
18 catalyze the creation of the Organization of Ameri-
19 can States (OAS) Parliamentary Assembly to facili-
20 tate legislative cooperation;

21 (5) urges the Government of the Dominican Re-
22 public to continue taking steps to address the inher-
23 ent human rights, security, and data privacy risks
24 posed by reliance on technology from the People's

1 Republic of China, including Huawei components, in
2 telecommunication networks;

3 (6) commends efforts by President Abinader to
4 strengthen the political independence of the Attorney
5 General's Office and institutionalize anti-corruption
6 reforms; and

7 (7) calls on the Department of State and the
8 United States Agency for International Development
9 to continue to support the efforts of the Government
10 of the Dominican Republic to respond to the human-
11 itarian needs of Haitian migrants in the Dominican
12 Republic.