

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To amend the preamble.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—115th Cong., 1st Sess.

S. Res. 114

Expressing the sense of the Senate on humanitarian crises
in Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan, and Yemen.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. YOUNG (for
himself and Mr. CARDIN)

Viz:

1 Strike the preamble and insert the following:

Whereas Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan, and Yemen are all
in famine, pre-famine, or at risk of famine in 2017;

Whereas, according to the United Nations Office for the Co-
ordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), 20,000,000
people are at risk of starvation this year in Nigeria, So-
malia, South Sudan, and Yemen;

Whereas, on March 22, 2017, Mr. Yves Daccord, the Direc-
tor-General of the International Committee of the Red
Cross, testified before Congress that the crisis represents
“one of the most critical humanitarian issues to face
mankind since the end of the Second World War” and
warned that “we are at the brink of a humanitarian
mega-crisis unprecedented in recent history”;

Whereas, according to the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), “[m]ore than 5.1 million people face severe food insecurity in northeastern Nigeria”;

Whereas, according to USAID, “An estimated 6.2 million people—more than half of Somalia’s total population—currently require urgent humanitarian assistance.”;

Whereas, according to USAID, “An estimated 5.5 million people—nearly half of South Sudan’s population—will face life threatening hunger by July.”;

Whereas, according to USAID, in Yemen, “More than seventeen million people—an astounding 60% of the country’s population—are food insecure, including seven million people who are unable to survive without food assistance.”;

Whereas, according to the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), “[s]ome 22 million children have been left hungry, sick, displaced and out of school in the four countries” and “Nearly 1.4 million are at imminent risk of death this year from severe malnutrition.”;

Whereas the humanitarian crises in each of these regions are, to varying degrees, man-made and preventable—exacerbated by armed conflict and deliberate restrictions on humanitarian access;

Whereas parties to the conflicts, including even some government forces, have harassed, attacked, and killed humanitarian workers, blocked and hindered humanitarian access, and continue to deprive the world’s most hungry people of the food they need;

Whereas humanitarian actors, coordinated by OCHA, have appealed for \$5,600,000,000 in 2017 to address famines in Yemen, South Sudan, Nigeria, and Somalia; and

Whereas Mr. Daccord testified before Congress on March 22, 2017, “Our main message is clear: immediate, decisive action is needed to prevent vast numbers of people starving to death.”: Now, therefore, be it