

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—116th Cong., 1st Sess.

S. Res. 447

Expressing serious concern about widespread irregularities in Bolivia's October 20, 2019, general elections and supporting the convening of new elections in Bolivia at the earliest possible date.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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

Viz:

- 1 Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the fol-
- 2 lowing: "That the Senate—
- 3 (1) expresses concern about the numerous
- 4 irregularities that occurred during the October 20,
- 5 2019, general elections in Bolivia;
- 6 (2) commends the efforts of the OAS Electoral
- 7 Observation Mission in Bolivia and supports the
- 8 findings of the OAS electoral audit mission, which
- 9 documented numerous irregularities during the Oc-
- 10 tober 2019 general elections in Bolivia;

1 (3) deplures the acts of violence that have oc-
2 curred in Bolivia in the aftermath of the October 20,
3 2019, general elections and urges all Bolivians to re-
4 pudiate violence and to peacefully exercise their
5 rights of freedom of expression and assembly;

6 (4) urges Bolivia's transitional government to
7 work expeditiously to establish the conditions for an
8 inclusive, credible, transparent, and democratic elec-
9 tions as soon as possible in accordance with their
10 laws and constitution;

11 (5) encourages the Bolivian state to protect the
12 human rights of all persons, including indigenous
13 groups, regardless of political affiliation, ethnicity,
14 religion, or sex;

15 (6) encourages the Department of State and
16 the U.S. Mission to the Organization of American
17 States to provide all appropriate support to facilitate
18 the convening of free, fair, and transparent demo-
19 cratic elections in Bolivia as soon as possible in ac-
20 cordance with their laws and constitution;

21 (7) encourages the Organization of American
22 States to take all necessary steps, in accordance with
23 the principles of the Inter-American Democratic
24 Charter, to ensure respect for the will of Bolivian
25 voters and the integrity of the new democratic elec-

1 tions in Bolivia as soon as possible in accordance
2 with their laws and constitution; and

3 (8) supports the call by the Permanent Council
4 of the Organization of American States for Bolivian
5 authorities to ensure full respect and protection of
6 human rights and accountability for any violation
7 thereof.