

104<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# S. RES. 67

Relating to violence at clinics.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 20 (legislative day, JANUARY 10), 1995

Mr. PRESSLER (for Mrs. BOXER) (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. SIMON, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. DODD, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. PELL, Mr. INOUE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. REID, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. ROBB, Mr. KOHL, Mr. BRYAN, and Mr. KERRY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Relating to violence at clinics.

Whereas there are approximately 900 clinics in the United States providing reproductive health services;

Whereas violence directed at persons seeking to provide reproductive health services continues to increase in the United States, as demonstrated by the recent shootings at two reproductive health clinics in Massachusetts and another health care clinic in Virginia;

Whereas organizations monitoring clinic violence have recorded over 130 incidents of violence or harassment directed at reproductive health care clinics and their per-

sonnel in 1994 such as death threats, stalking, chemical attacks, bombings, and arson;

Whereas there has been one attempted murder in Florida and four individuals killed at reproductive health care clinics in Florida and Massachusetts in 1994;

Whereas the Congress passed and the President signed the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act of 1994, a law establishing Federal criminal penalties and civil remedies for certain violent, threatening, obstructive and destructive conduct that is intended to injure, intimidate or interfere with persons seeking to obtain or provide reproductive health services;

Whereas violence is not a mode of free speech and should not be condoned as a method of expressing an opinion; and

Whereas the President has instructed the Attorney General to order—

(1) the United States Attorneys to create task forces of Federal, State and local law enforcement officials and develop plans to address security for reproductive health care clinics located within their jurisdictions; and

(2) the United States Marshals Service to ensure coordination between clinics and Federal, State and local law enforcement officials regarding potential threats of violence: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that the  
 2 United States Attorney General should fully enforce the  
 3 law and protect persons seeking to provide or obtain, or  
 4 assist in providing or obtaining, reproductive health serv-  
 5 ices from violent attack.

1        SEC. 2. EXPRESSIVE CONDUCT.—Nothing in this res-  
2        olution shall be construed to prohibit any expressive con-  
3        duct (including peaceful picketing or other peaceful dem-  
4        onstration) protected from legal prohibition by the First  
5        Amendment to the Constitution.

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