

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—116th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. 4632

To amend title 17, United States Code, to establish an alternative dispute resolution program for copyright small claims, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to modify the scope of protection from civil liability for “good Samaritan” blocking and screening of offensive material, and for other purposes.

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. BOOKER

Viz:

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

3 **SECTION 1. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON COMBATING WHITE**
4 **SUPREMACY.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

6 (1) The internet has become a dangerous re-
7 cruiting ground for White supremacy and White na-
8 tionalism.

9 (2) On September 17, 2019, the Washington
10 Post published an article entitled “‘Do you have

1 white teenage sons? Listen up.’ How white suprema-
2 cists are recruiting boys online.”.

3 (3) The article described in paragraph (2) re-
4 ported the following: “As extremist groups have
5 grown increasingly visible in the physical world, their
6 influence over malleable young minds in the digital
7 realm has become a particularly urgent concern for
8 parents.”.

9 (4) According to the Anti-Defamation League
10 in 2019, White supremacists have committed at
11 least 73 murders since a White supremacist mur-
12 dered protestor Heather Heyer at the 2017 Unite
13 the Right rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, 39 of
14 which were clearly motivated by hateful, racist ide-
15 ology.

16 (5) The murders described in paragraph (4) in-
17 clude deadly White supremacist shooting rampages
18 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Poway, California, and
19 El Paso, Texas (which was one of the deadliest
20 White supremacist attacks in more than 50 years).
21 In each of these cities, White supremacist murderers
22 acted on the threat embodied by the White suprema-
23 cist sentiments in Charlottesville.

24 (6) After the heinous attack in Charlottesville,
25 President Trump responded by creating a moral

1 equivalency and a justification for the racist behav-
2 ior, saying the following: “We condemn in the
3 strongest possible terms this egregious display of ha-
4 tred, bigotry, and violence on many sides, on many
5 sides.”.

6 (7) Chad Wolf, the senior official performing
7 the duties of the Secretary of Homeland Security,
8 stated during his confirmation hearing before the
9 Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental
10 Affairs of the Senate on September 23, 2020, that
11 White supremacists posed “the most persistent and
12 lethal threat when we talk about domestic violent ex-
13 tremists”, particularly “from a lethality standpoint
14 over the last 2 years”.

15 (8) According to a study conducted by The
16 Guardian using data compiled by the nonpartisan
17 Center for Strategic and International Studies, since
18 2010, White supremacists and other violent right-
19 wing extremists have killed 117 individuals in politi-
20 cally motivated attacks in the United States.

21 (9) On September 29, 2020, during an ex-
22 change at the first presidential debate, moderator
23 Chris Wallace repeatedly asked President Trump if
24 he would condemn White supremacists, but Presi-
25 dent Trump refused to do so and instead responded

1 by referring to a violent extremist group with White
2 supremacist links, saying “Proud Boys, stand back
3 and stand by”, further emboldening, rather than
4 condemning, the group.

5 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
6 gress that it is important to—

7 (1) combat White supremacy and White nation-
8 alism in all of its forms; and

9 (2) encourage technology platforms to combat
10 the dangers of White supremacy and White nation-
11 alism.