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Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the recent presidential election
in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LEE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the recent
presidential election in the Democratic Republic of the
Congo.

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

2 (1) all political leaders in the Democratic Re-
3 public of the Congo and the supporters of those
4 leaders should act responsibly, renounce violence,
5 and resolve any disagreements regarding the presi-
6 dential election of November 2011 through peaceful,
7 constructive dialogue and existing legal remedies;

8 (2) the authorities of the Democratic Republic
9 of the Congo should conduct a rapid technical review
10 of the electoral process to—

1 (A) investigate the cause of any voting
2 irregularities;

3 (B) suggest ways in which governance
4 could be structured to give better effect to the
5 will of the people of the Democratic Republic of
6 the Congo; and

7 (C) provide guidance for future elections;

8 (3) the authorities of the Democratic Republic
9 of the Congo should complete the electoral process
10 with maximum openness and transparency; and

11 (4) the United States Government should en-
12 gage with other governments in Central Africa and
13 ask those governments to reach out to President Jo-
14 seph Kabila and opposition candidate Etienne
15 Tshisekedi to encourage the 2 leaders to embrace a
16 peaceful solution to the potential impasse facing the
17 Democratic Republic of the Congo.

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