

HRES 139

Expressing the sense of Congress regarding commitment to the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

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Policy Area: Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

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Rep. Jones, Stephanie Tubbs [D-OH-11]	D · OH		May 17, 2001
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Rep. Watt, Melvin L. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		May 17, 2001
Rep. Sanchez, Loretta [D-CA-46]	D · CA		May 24, 2001
Rep. Payne, Donald M. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Jun 19, 2001

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	May 9, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 9, 2001)

Expresses the sense of Congress that it: (1) condemns election procedures that result in minority vote dilution and disfranchisement and any person acting under color of law or otherwise engaged in intimidating or denying any eligible person from voting; (2) recognizes the significance of the 15th Amendment, which guarantees American citizens the right to vote; and (3) reaffirms its commitment to the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Expresses the sense of Congress that the United States Commission on Civil Rights should compile data on and investigate reports of voting irregularities arising out of the November 7, 2000, presidential election, and report on them to Congress and the Department of Justice.

Expresses the sense of Congress that the President, Attorney General, and Department of Justice should: (1) make the elimination of minority vote dilution and disfranchisement a top priority of the U.S. Government; (2) take all necessary steps and resources to thoroughly investigate all charges of election irregularities, minority vote dilution, and disfranchisement; (3) enforce the Voting Rights Act of 1965 by bringing suit in Federal court against racially discriminatory practices, and Federal criminal charges for voting fraud or intimidation involving racial bias in local or State elections; and (4) explore all options to prevent such disfranchisement in future elections.

Actions Timeline

- **May 24, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H2681)
- **May 9, 2001:** Introduced in House
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