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HRES 160

Calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to immediately and unconditionally release Li Shaomin and other American scholars of Chinese ancestry being held in detention, calling on the President of the United States to continue working on behalf of Li Shaomin and the other detained scholars for their release, and for other purposes.

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Jun 20, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jun 25, 2001)

Declares that the House of Representations condemns and deplores: (1) the continued detention of Li Shaomin, Gao Zhan, Wu Jianmin, Tan Guangguang, Teng Chunyan, and other scholars detained on false charges by the Government of the People's Republic of China and calls for their immediate and unconditional release; (2) the lack of due process afforded to these detainees and the probable coercion of confessions from some of them; and (3) the ongoing and systematic pattern of human rights violations by the Chinese Government.

Urges the Chinese Government to consider: (1) the implications to the broader U.S.-Chinese relationship of detaining and coercing confessions from U.S. citizens and permanent residents on unsubstantiated spying charges or suspicions; and (2) releasing Liu Yaping on medical parole, as provided for under Chinese law.

Expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that the President should: (1) make the release of the scholars a top priority of U.S. foreign policy with the Chinese Government; (2) make every effort to assist the scholars and their families while discussions of their release continue; (3) make it clear that the detention of U.S. citizens and permanent residents and the infliction of human rights violations upon U.S. citizens and residents are not in the interests of the Chinese Government; and (4) send a special, high ranking representative to reiterate the deep concern of the United States regarding the continued imprisonment of the scholars and to discuss their legal status and immediate humanitarian needs.

Actions Timeline

- Jun 25, 2001: Mr. Smith (NJ) moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended.
- Jun 25, 2001: Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3481-3487)
- Jun 25, 2001: DEBATE The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H. Res. 160.
- Jun 25, 2001: At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- Jun 25, 2001: Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H3491-3492)
- Jun 25, 2001: Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 379 0 (Roll no. 186).(text: CR H3482)
- Jun 25, 2001: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 379 0 (Roll no. 186). (text: CR H3482)
- Jun 25, 2001: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- Jun 25, 2001: The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- Jun 20, 2001: Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- Jun 20, 2001: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- Jun 8, 2001: Introduced in House
- Jun 8, 2001: Introduced in House
- Jun 8, 2001: Referred to the House Committee on International Relations.