

## SRES 235

A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to the protection of Afghan refugees, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Wellstone, Paul D. [D-MN]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MN • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (2 total)

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| Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]    | D · CA        |      | Apr 10, 2002 |
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### Committee Activity

| Committee                   | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Foreign Relations Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Apr 10, 2002 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

International Affairs

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **Summary** (as of Apr 10, 2002)

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Expresses the sense of the Senate that the President and the Secretary of State should: (1) urge the Government of Pakistan and other governments in the region to cooperate with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in protecting Afghan refugees and to allow humanitarian assistance agencies open access to refugees; (2) call on the Governments of Pakistan and Iran to cease any forcible return of, and end mistreatment of, Afghan refugees; (3) condemn any actions by Pakistan, Iran, or other governments to prematurely return refugees to Afghanistan against their will; (4) support the provision of impartial information about human rights, the presence of land mines, and humanitarian conditions in their areas of origin to all refugees to ensure that any decision to return is truly voluntary; (5) support repatriation of Afghan refugees only when conditions in Afghanistan allow their voluntary, safe return, with full respect for their human rights and an adequate screening process in place to identify those who are still in need of protection; and (6) establish a resettlement program for Afghans whose needs for protection require resettlement in a third country.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 10, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 10, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2490-2491)
- **Apr 10, 2002:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2490)