

HRES 348

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to violations in Pakistan of the freedom of individuals to profess and practice religion or belief.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: International Affairs

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Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on International Relations.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on International Relations. (Feb 14, 2002)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 14, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 14, 2002)

Urges General Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan to repeal: (1) the Blasphemy Law; (2) Martial Ordinance XX; and (3) the Eighth Amendment to the Constitution of Pakistan declaring Ahmadis "not Muslims" under the law. Appeals to General Musharraf to release prisoners jailed under Ordinance XX and the Blasphemy Law. Encourages the General to eliminate the requirement to declare one's religion when applying for a passport or swear to exclusive statements regarding religion, admission to an educational institution, obtaining the national identity card, or employment.

Calls upon the President and the Secretary of State to: (1) raise violations of the freedom of thought, conscience, religion, or belief, at every appropriate level with representatives of the Government of Pakistan; and (2) include experts on religious liberty on U.S. delegations to Pakistan and to appropriate regional and international meetings.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 14, 2002:** Introduced in House
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