

HCONRES 431

Condemning the use of torture and other forms of cruel, inhumane, or degrading treatment or punishment in the United States and other countries, and expressing support for victims of those practices.

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Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (4 total)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 26, 2002
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 20, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 SCONRES 124	Identical bill	Jun 27, 2002: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S6132-6133)

Summary (as of Jun 26, 2002)

Declares that Congress: (1) condemns the use of torture and other forms of cruel, inhumane, or degrading treatment in the United States and other countries; (2) recognizes the United Nations International Day in Support of the Victims of Torture and expresses support for all victims of torture who are struggling to overcome the physical scars and psychological effects of such practices; and (3) encourages training law enforcement personnel and others in the prevention of torture and other forms of cruel, inhumane, or degrading treatment.

Encourages the Secretary of State to seek the adoption of a commitment to: (1) treat confessions and other evidence obtained through torture or other forms of cruel, inhumane, or degrading treatment, as inadmissible in any legal proceeding; and (2) prohibit, in law and in practice, incommunicado detention.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 20, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Jun 27, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1158-1159)
- **Jun 26, 2002:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 26, 2002:** Referred to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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