

SCONRES 13

A concurrent resolution condemning the selection of Libya to chair the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, and for other purposes.

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Corzine, Jon S. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 5, 2003
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 5, 2003
Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 5, 2003
Sen. Smith, Gordon H. [R-OR]	R · OR		Mar 5, 2003
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 6, 2003

Committee Activity

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HCONRES 27	Related bill	Feb 12, 2003: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Condemns the selection of Libya to chair the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

Commends the President for the principled position of the United States in objecting to and calling for a vote on Libya's chairmanship of the Commission.

Commends countries that joined the United States in objecting to Libya's selection as chair of the Commission.

Expresses the dismay of Congress at the European Union countries' common position of abstention on the critical vote over Libya's chairmanship.

Expresses its shock and dismay over the support provided to Libya in its efforts to lead the Commission.

Highlights its grave concern over the continuing efforts of countries violating human rights and terrorist countries to use international fora to legitimize their regimes and to continue to act with impunity.

Calls on the President to raise U.S. objections to such efforts during bilateral and multilateral discussions and to direct pertinent members of the President's Cabinet to do the same.

Calls on countries at various stages of democratization to: (1) demonstrate their commitment to human rights, democracy, peace and security; and (2) support efforts to reform the Commission.

Calls on the President to instruct the Secretary of State to consult with the appropriate congressional committees regarding U.S. priorities and strategy for the 59th session of the Commission on Human Rights and its strategy and proposals for reform of the Commission.

Objects to the continued suspension of UN sanctions against Libya until the Government of Libya: (1) publicly accepts responsibility for the bombing of Pan American World Airways Flight 103; (2) provides appropriate compensation to the victims of the bombing; and (3) fully complies with all of the other requirements of the UN sanctions imposed as a result of Libya's orchestration of the terrorist attack on Pan American World Airways Flight 103.

Calls on the Secretary of State to engage UN Member States to support efforts to ensure that states that are gross violators of human rights, sponsors of terrorist activities, or subjects of United Nations sanctions are not elected to: (1) leadership positions in the UN General Assembly; or (2) membership or leadership positions on the UN Commission on Human Rights, the UN Security Council, or any other UN entity or affiliate.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 10, 2003:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Mar 10, 2003:** Received in the House.
- **Mar 10, 2003:** Held at the desk.
- **Mar 6, 2003:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S3338-3339)
- **Mar 6, 2003:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Resolution agreed to in Senate with an amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S3338-3339)
- **Mar 6, 2003:** Resolution agreed to in Senate with an amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S3338-3339)
- **Mar 5, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 5, 2003:** Submitted in the Senate and ordered held at desk. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3199-3200)