

SRES 144

A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should declare its support for the right of the people of Kosova to determine their political future once Kosova has made requisite progress, as defined by United Nations benchmarks, in developing democratic institutions and human rights protections.

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

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Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Biden, Joseph R., Jr. [D-DE]

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 15, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Summary (as of May 15, 2003)

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Declares the sense of the Senate that the United States should: (1) recognize the danger that an unnecessary delay in the resolution of Kosova's final status would pose for the political and economic viability of Kosova and the stability of Southeast Europe; (2) publicly support the goal of a democratic government in Kosova in which human rights, including the rights of ethnic and religious minorities, are respected; (3) call for holding a referendum, under international supervision, on the future status of Kosova, once it has made further progress in developing institutions of democratic self-government, establishing the rule of law, facilitating the return and reintegration of refugees into local communities, and protecting ethnic minorities, in accordance with the benchmarks established by the United Nations; (4) work in conjunction with the United Nations, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the European Union, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, and other international organizations to assist Kosova to meet the UN benchmarks that are the necessary conditions for holding a referendum on the future status of Kosova and to facilitate the implementation of the form of government determined by the people of Kosova; and (5) continue to provide assistance, trade, and other programs to encourage the further development of democracy and a free market economic system in Kosova.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 15, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 15, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S6515-6517)
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