

HRES 179

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the systematic human rights violations in Cuba committed by the Castro regime, calling for the immediate release of all political prisoners, and supporting respect for basic human rights and free elections in Cuba.

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

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**Current Status:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

**Latest Action:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. (Apr 8, 2003)

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Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Diaz-Balart, Lincoln [R-FL-21]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (15 total)

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Rep. Ballenger, Cass [R-NC-10]	R · NC		Apr 7, 2003
Rep. Burton, Dan [R-IN-5]	R · IN		Apr 7, 2003
Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-25]	R · FL		Apr 7, 2003
Rep. Kingston, Jack [R-GA-1]	R · GA		Apr 7, 2003
Rep. Lantos, Tom [D-CA-12]	D · CA		Apr 7, 2003
Rep. McCotter, Thaddeus G. [R-MI-11]	R · MI		Apr 7, 2003
Rep. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ-13]	D · NJ		Apr 7, 2003
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Apr 7, 2003
Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Apr 7, 2003
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Apr 7, 2003
Rep. Andrews, Robert E. [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Apr 8, 2003
Rep. Blunt, Roy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		Apr 8, 2003
Rep. Feeney, Tom [R-FL-24]	R · FL		Apr 8, 2003
Rep. Foley, Mark [R-FL-16]	R · FL		Apr 8, 2003
Rep. Harris, Katherine [R-FL-13]	R · FL		Apr 8, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 7, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

International Affairs

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Apr 8, 2003)

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**(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced on April 7, 2003. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Condemns the brutal crackdown of the Cuban Government on the island's peaceful pro-democracy movement.

Calls for the immediate release of all Cuban political prisoners.

Supports the right of the Cuban people to exercise fundamental political and civil liberties, including freedom of expression, assembly, association, movement, press, and the right to multiparty elections.

Calls on the U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva, Switzerland, to work with the member countries of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights to ensure a resolution that includes the strongest possible condemnation of the current crackdown of dissidents and of the gross human rights violations committed by the Cuban Government.

Calls on the Latin American and Caribbean group (GRULAC) at the Commission to exclude Cuba from its slate of candidates for the Commission, and urges all member nations to oppose renewing Cuba's membership on the Commission until the Government of Cuba adheres to international human rights standards, such as those delineated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 8, 2003:** Ms. Ros-Lehtinen moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution.
- **Apr 8, 2003:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2887-2895)
- **Apr 8, 2003:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H. Res. 179.
- **Apr 8, 2003:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Apr 8, 2003:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2910-2911)
- **Apr 8, 2003:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 414 - 0, 11 Present (Roll no. 117).(text: CR H2887-2888)
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