

## HRES 246

Commemorating the 53rd anniversary of Senator Margaret Chase Smith's "Declaration of Conscience" speech in which she defended the American rights to free speech and dissent.

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commemorations

**Introduced:** May 21, 2003

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization. (Jun 2, 2003)

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 2, 2003

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Commemorations

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of May 21, 2003)

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Commemorates the 53rd anniversary of Senator Margaret Chase Smith's "Declaration of Conscience" speech in which she defended the fundamental American rights to criticize, hold unpopular beliefs, and protest and the right of independent thought (in response to the defamatory accusations that characterized the anti-communist crusades of Senator Joseph McCarthy and others).

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 2, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization.
- **May 21, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **May 21, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **May 21, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on Government Reform.