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SRES 311

A resolution calling on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to immediately and unconditionally release Father Thadeus Nguyen Van Ly, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: International Affairs

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Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	$D \cdot OR$	Jun 14, 2004
Sen. Ensign, John [R-NV]	$R \cdot NV$	Jun 17, 2004
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Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	$R \cdot UT$	Jun 24, 2004
Sen. Smith, Gordon H. [R-OR]	$R \cdot OR$	Jun 25, 2004
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	$D\cdotNM$	Jul 21, 2004
Sen. Sessions, Jeff [R-AL]	$R \cdot AL$	Sep 9, 2004
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR	Sep 15, 2004
Sen. Daschle, Thomas A. [D-SD]	$D \cdot SD$	Sep 29, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 4, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HCONRES 378	Related bill	May 13, 2004: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Summary (as of Mar 4, 2004)

States that the Senate: (1) condemns the detention of Father Thaddeus Nguyen Van Ly by the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and calls for his immediate and unconditional release; (2) condemns the violations of freedom of speech, religion, movement, association, and the lack of due process afforded to individuals in Vietnam; and (3) urges the Government of Vietnam to consider the implications of its actions for the broader relationship with the United States, including the United States-Vietnam Bilateral Trade Agreement.

Expresses the sense of the Senate that the United States should: (1) make the immediate release of Father Ly a top concern; (2) reiterate its deep concern regarding the violation of Father Ly's and other prisoners' human rights; and (3) make it clear to the Government of Vietnam that the religious or political detention and human rights violations of Father Ly and other persons create obstacles to improved bilateral relations with the United States.

Actions Timeline

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