

HRES 402

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the urgent need for freedom, democratic reform, and international monitoring of elections, human rights, and religious liberty in the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: International Affairs

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Latest Action: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. (May 6, 2004)

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Name: Rep. Burton, Dan [R-IN-5]

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

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 16, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 6, 2004)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

States that the House of Representatives urges the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the United Nations, the European Union, and the Association of South East Asian Nations to work for: (1) unrestricted access to Laos by international election monitors and international human rights organizations; (2) the rights of opposition political parties and their candidates to run for public office and for all adult citizens of Laos to vote; (3) the right of the citizens to assemble, protest, and to organize; (4) the cessation of all acts of violence against the Hmong population; (5) the release of those jailed in connection with the 1999 pro-democracy demonstrations; and (6) the promotion of religious freedom in Laos.

Actions Timeline

- **May 6, 2004:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2679-2680)
- **May 6, 2004:** 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): 408 - 1, 1 Present (Roll no. 149).(text: CR 5/5/2004 H2607-2608)
- **May 6, 2004:** On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 408 - 1, 1 Present (Roll no. 149). (text: CR 5/5/2004 H2607-2608)
- **May 6, 2004:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 5, 2004:** Mr. Burton (IN) moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution.
- **May 5, 2004:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2607-2614)
- **May 5, 2004:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H. Res. 402.
- **May 5, 2004:** 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.
- **Mar 31, 2004:** Committee Agreed to Seek Consideration Under Suspension of the Rules, by Voice Vote.
- **Oct 16, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 16, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on International Relations.

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