

## HCONRES 190

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the Russian Federation should fully protect the freedoms of all religious communities without distinction, whether registered and unregistered, as stipulated by the Russian Constitution and international standards.

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Nov 15, 2005
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 16, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 SRES 500	Related bill	<b>Jul 14, 2006:</b> Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S7564)
109 SCONRES 46	Related bill	<b>Jul 22, 2005:</b> Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text of measure as introduced: CR S8753-8754)

## Summary (as of Mar 15, 2006)

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

Expresses the sense of Congress that the United States should: (1) urge the Russian Federation to ensure full protection of freedoms for all religious communities and end governmental and security harassment of unregistered religious groups; (2) urge the Russian Federation to ensure that law enforcement officials investigate acts of violence against unregistered religious communities, as well as make certain that authorities are not complicit in such attacks; (3) continue to raise concerns with the government of the Russian Federation over violations of religious freedom, especially regarding indigenous denominations not well known in the United States; (4) ensure that U.S. embassy officials engage local officials throughout the Russian Federation, especially when violations of freedom of religion occur, and undertake outreach activities to educate local officials about the rights of unregistered religious communities; (5) urge both the Personal Representative of the OSCE Chair-in-Office on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination, also focusing on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians and Members of Other Religions, and the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief to visit the Russian Federation and raise with federal and local officials concerns about the free practice of unregistered religious communities; and (6) urge the Council of Europe and its member countries to raise with Russian Federation officials issues relating to religious freedom.

## Actions Timeline

- **Mar 16, 2006:** Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Mar 15, 2006:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H991-992)
- **Mar 15, 2006:** 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): 411 - 1, 1 Present (Roll no. 42).(text: CR 3/14/2006 H888)
- **Mar 15, 2006:** On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 411 - 1, 1 Present (Roll no. 42). (text: CR 3/14/2006 H888)
- **Mar 15, 2006:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 14, 2006:** Mr. Smith (NJ) moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution.
- **Mar 14, 2006:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H888-890)
- **Mar 14, 2006:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H. Con. Res. 190.
- **Mar 14, 2006:** 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.
- **Nov 16, 2005:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 16, 2005:** Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 15, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations.
- **Nov 15, 2005:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 15, 2005:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 23, 2005:** Introduced in House
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- **Jun 23, 2005:** Referred to the House Committee on International Relations.