

HRES 191

Urging the Government of Romania to recognize its responsibilities to provide equitable, prompt, and fair restitution to all religious communities for property confiscated by the former Communist government in Romania.

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: International Affairs

Introduced: Apr 6, 2005

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. (May 23, 2005)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/109th-congress/house-resolution/191>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Lantos, Tom [D-CA-12]

Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (20 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Tancredo, Thomas G. [R-CO-6]	R · CO		Apr 6, 2005
Del. Faleomavaega, Eni F. H. [D-AS-At Large]	D · AS		May 18, 2005
Rep. Ackerman, Gary L. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		May 18, 2005
Rep. Berkley, Shelley [D-NV-1]	D · NV		May 18, 2005
Rep. Berman, Howard L. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		May 18, 2005
Rep. Cardoza, Dennis A. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		May 18, 2005
Rep. Crowley, Joseph [D-NY-7]	D · NY		May 18, 2005
Rep. Davis, Jo Ann [R-VA-1]	R · VA		May 18, 2005
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-17]	D · NY		May 18, 2005
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-14]	D · NY		May 18, 2005
Rep. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ-13]	D · NJ		May 18, 2005
Rep. Pence, Mike [R-IN-6]	R · IN		May 18, 2005
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		May 18, 2005
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-29]	D · CA		May 18, 2005
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-27]	D · CA		May 18, 2005
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		May 18, 2005
Rep. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD-8]	D · MD		May 18, 2005
Rep. Weiner, Anthony D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		May 18, 2005
Rep. Wexler, Robert [D-FL-19]	D · FL		May 18, 2005
Rep. Wolf, Frank R. [R-VA-10]	R · VA		May 18, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Discharged from	May 18, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 23, 2005)

Notes with concern the unwillingness of past Romanian governments to provide fair restitution of religious property confiscated by the former Communist government of Romania.

Calls on the Government of Romania to: (1) respect the constitutional rights of all religious communities to practice their religion in respectable locations and openly communicate their religious beliefs; (2) provide fair restitution, including agricultural and forestry land restitution, to all religious communities under Romanian law and in accordance with the Constitution of Rumania and all international agreements to which Romania is a party; and (3) amend Decree-Law 126/1990 to require that claims involving Romanian Greek Catholic properties be heard by an independent nonreligious commission, and to prevent the demolition of Greek Catholic churches.

Calls upon the Government of Romania, with respect to Romanian Law No. 501/2002, to: (1) amend the law to reflect the principle of "restitution in integrum" and restore full property ownership; (2) reduce to one year the period during which public institutions can continue to occupy confiscated religious properties; (3) provide compensation for demolished religious properties; (4) increase the rent paid to religious communities for properties which they cannot immediately regain use; (5) cease requiring religious communities to cover state maintenance costs for confiscated buildings; and (6) obligate local governments to cooperate in implementing Special Restitution Committee decisions.

Actions Timeline

- **May 23, 2005:** Ms. Ros-Lehtinen moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended.
- **May 23, 2005:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3729-3732)
- **May 23, 2005:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H. Res. 191.
- **May 23, 2005:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H3729)
- **May 23, 2005:** On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H3729)
- **May 23, 2005:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 18, 2005:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 18, 2005:** Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.
- **May 18, 2005:** Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats Discharged.
- **Apr 12, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats.
- **Apr 6, 2005:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 6, 2005:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 6, 2005:** Referred to the House Committee on International Relations.