

HCONRES 252

Expressing the sense of Congress that the Government of the United States should support democracy, the rule of law, and human rights in the Republic of Nicaragua and work cooperatively with regional and international organizations to bolster Nicaraguan efforts to establish the requisite conditions for free, fair, transparent, and inclusive presidential and legislative elections in 2006.

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Rep. Oxley, Michael G. [R-OH-4]	R · OH		Oct 19, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Sep 28, 2005
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 27, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Dec 14, 2005)

Condemns the Aleman-Ortega Pact as detrimental to democracy in the Republic of Nicaragua and to regional stability.

Denounces the previous attempts by the National Assembly to encroach unconstitutionally upon the powers of the executive branch, undermine the ability to govern the country, and advance the personal ambitions of some of its current and former members.

Applauds the diplomatic efforts of the Organization of American States (OAS) for demonstrating the viability of the Inter-American Charter as an effective instrument in the Western Hemisphere for overcoming obstacles that impede institutions from governing democratically.

Concurs with the convening of a broad National Dialogue to address the challenges that confront the Nicaraguan people as they attempt to build a more effective democracy.

Supports the efforts of the government of Nicaragua and Nicaraguan democratic civil society to create conditions for free and fair 2006 elections.

Expresses the sense of Congress that: (1) it should be U.S. policy to support democratic political forces and work with regional and international organizations, including the OAS, to bolster Nicaraguan efforts to establish conditions for free and inclusive 2006 presidential and legislative elections; and (2) the President of the United States should ensure that any electoral or democracy and governance assistance is provided only for the purposes of training election observers and ensuring the electoral process' integrity, that such assistance be provided through nongovernmental organizations on a nonpartisan basis, and that the details of such assistance be made public in both countries.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 27, 2006:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Dec 15, 2005:** Received in the Senate.
- **Dec 14, 2005:** Mr. Burton (IN) moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended.
- **Dec 14, 2005:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H11609-11612)
- **Dec 14, 2005:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H. Con. Res. 252.
- **Dec 14, 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 H11609-11610)
- **Dec 14, 2005:** On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H11609-11610)
- **Dec 14, 2005:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 7, 2005:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 7, 2005:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 28, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere.
- **Sep 28, 2005:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 28, 2005:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote.
- **Sep 27, 2005:** Introduced in House
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