

HCONRES 294

Calling on the international community to condemn the Laogai, the system of forced labor prison camps in the People's Republic of China, as a tool for suppression maintained by the Chinese Government.

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Nov 16, 2005
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 27, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Dec 16, 2005)

Calls on the international community to condemn the Laogai, the system of forced labor prison camps in the People's Republic of China (PRC).

Calls on the U.S. government to: (1) fully implement U.S. laws prohibiting the importation of forced labor products made in the Laogai; and (2) review implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding on Prison Labor in 1992 and the Statement of Cooperation in 1994 with respect to the Laogai.

Calls on the government of the PRC to release information about the Laogai, including information about: (1) the number and location of camps and prisoners; (2) the types of business production activities; (3) the number of executions at the camps; and (4) the extent of the harvesting and transplantation of organs of executed prisoners.

Urges the government of the PRC to allow unrestricted visits by international human rights inspectors to Laogai camps.

Urges the Congressional-Executive Commission on China to investigate the Laogai system and to make U.S. policy recommendations to help protect human rights for Chinese citizens.

States that Congress will undertake efforts to join with the European Parliament to urge the introduction of a resolution at the United Nations Human Rights Commission condemning the Laogai and the human rights situation in China.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 27, 2006:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Dec 16, 2005:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H11904-11905)
- **Dec 16, 2005:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 413 - 1 (Roll no. 647).(text: CR 12/14/2005 H11624)
- **Dec 16, 2005:** On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 413 - 1 (Roll no. 647). (text: CR 12/14/2005 H11624)
- **Dec 16, 2005:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 16, 2005:** Received in the Senate.
- **Dec 14, 2005:** Mr. Smith (NJ) moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended.
- **Dec 14, 2005:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H11624-11629)
- **Dec 14, 2005:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H. Con. Res. 294.
- **Dec 14, 2005:** 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 9, 2005:** Introduced in House
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