

HCONRES 320

Calling on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to immediately and unconditionally release Dr. Pham Hong Son and other political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, and other purposes.

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Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Apr 5, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Feb 28, 2006
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 7, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Apr 6, 2006)

Condemns: (1) the arbitrary detention of Dr. Pham Hong Son and others by the government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and calls for their immediate release; and (2) the violations of freedom of speech, religion, movement, association, and the lack of due process afforded to individuals in Vietnam.

Urges the government of Vietnam to: (1) consider the implications of its actions for the broader U.S.-Vietnam relationship; and (2) allow access to the Central Highlands and to the Northwest Highlands by foreign diplomats, the international press, and nongovernmental organizations.

Applauds the European Parliament for its December 2005 resolution regarding human rights in Vietnam, and urges the government of Vietnam to comply with such resolution.

Expresses the sense of Congress that the United States should: (1) make the immediate release of Dr. Pham Hong Son a top concern; (2) continue to urge the government of Vietnam to comply with internationally recognized standards for basic freedoms and human rights; (3) make clear to the government of Vietnam that it must adhere to the rule of law and respect the freedom of the press in order to broaden its relations with the United States; (4) make clear to the government of Vietnam that the detention of Dr. Pham and others is not in the interest of Vietnam because such detentions create obstacles to improved U.S. relations; and (5) reiterate its deep concern over the continued imprisonment of Dr. Son and other persons whose human rights are being violated and discuss the legal status and immediate humanitarian needs of such individuals with the government of Vietnam.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 6, 2006:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1623)
- **Apr 6, 2006:** 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): 425 - 1 (Roll no. 96).(text: CR 4/05/2006 H1479)
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- **Apr 6, 2006:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 6, 2006:** Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Apr 5, 2006:** Mr. Smith (NJ) moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended.
- **Apr 5, 2006:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1479-1482)
- **Apr 5, 2006:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H. Con. Res. 320.
- **Apr 5, 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.
- **Mar 15, 2006:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 15, 2006:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Feb 28, 2006:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 28, 2006:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Feb 27, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations.
- **Dec 16, 2005:** Introduced in House
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