

## HRES 578

Concerning the Government of Romania's ban on intercountry adoptions and the welfare of orphaned or abandoned children in Romania.

**Congress:** 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

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**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. (Apr 6, 2006)

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (31 total)

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Rep. Bradley, Jeb [R-NH-1]	R · NH		Nov 18, 2005
Rep. Burton, Dan [R-IN-5]	R · IN		Nov 18, 2005
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Rep. Moran, Jerry [R-KS-1]	R · KS		Mar 7, 2006
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Mar 7, 2006
Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Mar 29, 2006
Rep. McCotter, Thaddeus G. [R-MI-11]	R · MI		Mar 29, 2006
Rep. Myrick, Sue Wilkins [R-NC-9]	R · NC		Mar 29, 2006
Rep. Lantos, Tom [D-CA-12]	D · CA		Apr 5, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Feb 14, 2006
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Feb 28, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 SRES 359	Identical bill	<b>Jul 27, 2006:</b> Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S8397; text as passed Senate: CR S8397)

## Summary (as of Apr 6, 2006)

**(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Expresses support for the government of Romania's desire to improve the standard of care and well-being of children in Romania.

Urges the government of Romania to: (1) complete the processing of certain intercountry adoption cases; and (2) amend its child welfare and adoption laws to decrease adoption barriers.

Urges the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to work with the government of Romania to achieve these ends.

Requests that the European Union (EU) and its member states not impede the government of Romania's efforts to place orphaned or abandoned children in permanent homes in a manner that is consistent with Romania's obligations under the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption.

## Actions Timeline

- **Apr 6, 2006:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1622-1623)
- **Apr 6, 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): 428 - 0 (Roll no. 95).(text: CR 4/05/2006 H1475-1476)
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- **Apr 6, 2006:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 5, 2006:** Mr. Smith (NJ) moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution.
- **Apr 5, 2006:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1475-1479)
- **Apr 5, 2006:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H. Res. 578.
- **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 by Unanimous Consent.
- **Feb 28, 2006:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 28, 2006:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Unanimous Consent.
- **Feb 27, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations.
- **Feb 14, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats.
- **Feb 14, 2006:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 14, 2006:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote.
- **Dec 14, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E2538-2540)
- **Nov 18, 2005:** Introduced in House
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