

HRES 598

Condemning actions by the Government of Syria that have hindered the investigation of the assassination of former Prime Minister of Lebanon Rafik Hariri conducted by the United Nations International Independent Investigation Commission (UNIIC), expressing support for extending the UNIIC's investigative mandate, and stating concern about similar assassination attempts apparently aimed at destabilizing Lebanon's security and undermining Lebanon's sovereignty.

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Latest Action: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. (Dec 16, 2005)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-49]

Party: Republican • State: CA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Ackerman, Gary L. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Dec 14, 2005
Rep. Lantos, Tom [D-CA-12]	D · CA		Dec 14, 2005
Rep. Wexler, Robert [D-FL-19]	D · FL		Dec 14, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 14, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Condemns the government of Syria for hindering and failing to cooperate with the United Nations International Independent Investigation Commission's (UNIIC) investigation of former Prime Minister of Lebanon Rafik Hariri's assassination.

Supports extending UNIIC's investigative mandate for at least six months.

States that insecurity in Lebanon could have a destabilizing effect on the region and harm Lebanon's strengthening of democracy and economic prosperity.

Expresses gratitude to: (1) chief investigator Detlev Mehlis and UNIIC for their continuing efforts to uncover evidence about Rafik Hariri's assassination; and (2) those who have freely assisted the UNIIC investigation.

Demands that Syria commit itself to fulfill all obligations with UNIIC and with U.N. Security Council Resolutions 1559, 1595, and 1636.

Encourages the U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations to use U.S. influence in the U.N. Security Council to advocate for the application of punitive measures and sanctions against Syria that target its leadership if Syria fails to cooperate fully with the UNIIC investigation and continues to violate Resolutions 1559, 1595, and 1636.

Urges the U.S. government to support UNIIC's extension of jurisdiction to include assassinations and assassination attempts in Lebanon since October 1, 2004.

Urges the President to implement further measures against the Syrian leadership in accordance with the Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-175), particularly if Syria fails to cooperate fully with the ongoing UNIIC investigation and continues to violate Resolutions 1559, 1595, and 1636.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **Dec 16, 2005:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H12014-12015)
- **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): 404 - 5, 1 Present (Roll no. 662).(text: CR 12/14/2005 S11644-11645)
- **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): 404 - 5, 1 Present (Roll no. 662). (text: CR 12/14/2005 S11644-11645)
- **Dec 16, 2005:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 14, 2005:** Introduced in House
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- **Dec 14, 2005:** Referred to the House Committee on International Relations.
- **Dec 14, 2005:** Ms. Ros-Lehtinen moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended.
- **Dec 14, 2005:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H11644-11649)
- **Dec 14, 2005:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H. Res. 598.
- **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.