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HRES 608

Condemning the escalating levels of religious persecution in the People's Republic of China.

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: International Affairs

Introduced: Dec 14, 2005

Current Status: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nay **Latest Action:** On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays:

(2/3 required): 363 - 1 (Roll no. 253). (text: CR H3734-3735) (Jun 12, 2006)

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Rep. English, Phil [R-PA-3]	R · PA	May 9, 2006
Rep. Pence, Mike [R-IN-6]	R · IN	May 24, 2006
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-27]	D · CA	May 25, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Apr 6, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jun 12, 2006)

Condemns the imprisonment of religious leaders and people of faith in the People's Republic of China (PRC) and urges their release.

Expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that U.S. policy should be to promote and defend religious freedom and freedom of conscience in China.

Actions Timeline

- Jun 12, 2006: Mr. Smith (NJ) moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended.
- Jun 12, 2006: Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3734-3736)
- Jun 12, 2006: DEBATE The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H. Res. 608.
- Jun 12, 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.
- Jun 12, 2006: Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H3751)
- Jun 12, 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): 363 1 (Roll no. 253).(text: CR H3734-3735)
- Jun 12, 2006: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- Jun 12, 2006: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 363 1 (Roll no. 253). (text: CR H3734-3735)
- May 25, 2006: Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- May 25, 2006: Committee Agreed to Seek Consideration Under Suspension of the Rules, (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- Apr 6, 2006: Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- Apr 6, 2006: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- Apr 5, 2006: Referred to the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations.
- Dec 14, 2005: Introduced in House
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