

HRES 740

Calling on the Government of the United Kingdom immediately to establish a full, independent, public judicial inquiry into the murder of Northern Ireland defense attorney Patrick Finucane, as recommended by Judge Peter Cory as part of the Weston Park agreement, in order to move forward on the Northern Ireland Peace Process.

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Latest Action: The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection. (May 18, 2006)

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Sponsor

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

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Rep. Walsh, James T. [R-NY-25]	R · NY		Mar 28, 2006
Rep. Ackerman, Gary L. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Apr 25, 2006
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-27]	D · NY		May 15, 2006
Rep. Garrett, Scott [R-NJ-5]	R · NJ		May 16, 2006
Rep. Wexler, Robert [D-FL-19]	D · FL		May 16, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 28, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 SRES 493	Related bill	May 24, 2006: Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5125-5126)
109 HRES 734	Related bill	Mar 16, 2006: Referred to the House Committee on International Relations.

Summary (as of May 18, 2006)

Expresses deepest condolences to the family of Patrick Finucane on his death, commends their steadfast pursuit of justice in his brutal murder, and thanks his wife Geraldine and son Michael for their willingness to testify on this matter before committees of the House of Representatives.

Supports Administration efforts in seeking full implementation of the Weston Park Agreement and establishment of an independent judicial inquiry into Mr. Finucane's murder.

Calls on the government of the United Kingdom to: (1) reconsider its position on the matter of an inquiry into Mr. Finucane's murder; (2) amend the Inquiries Act of 2005; and (3) take fully into account objections raised by Judge Cory, U.S. government officials, other governments and international bodies, and Mr. Finucane's family.

Urges the government of the United Kingdom to establish a full, independent, and public judicial inquiry into Mr. Finucane's murder which would enjoy the support of his family, the people of Northern Ireland, and the international community as recommended by Judge Cory.

Actions Timeline

- **May 18, 2006:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2753-2754)
- **May 18, 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): 390 - 5, 6 Present (Roll no. 159).
- **May 18, 2006:** On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 390 - 5, 6 Present (Roll no. 159).
- **May 18, 2006:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 18, 2006:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **May 16, 2006:** Mr. McCotter moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended.
- **May 16, 2006:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2612-2616; text as introduced: CR H2612)
- **May 16, 2006:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H. Res. 740.
- **May 16, 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 28, 2006:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 28, 2006:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 28, 2006:** Referred to the House Committee on International Relations.