

## HCONRES 139

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States should address the ongoing problem of untouchability in India.

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**Policy Area:** International Affairs

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Jun 26, 2007
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 24, 2007

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

International Affairs

### Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Jul 23, 2007)

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Expresses the sense of Congress that, as the leaders of the United States and the Republic of India have expressed commitment to the values of human freedom, democracy, and the rule of law, it is in U.S. interests to address the treatment of the Dalits and Tribals in India by: (1) raising the issue of caste discrimination and untouchability; (2) encouraging the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to ensure that the needs of Dalit organizations are incorporated in project development; (3) ensuring that projects that positively impact Dalit and Tribal communities, especially Dalit women, are developed; (4) ensuring that cooperative research programs targeting rural health care, the HIV/AIDS epidemic, and rural technology contain proper focus on the Dalits and Tribals; (5) ensuring that anyone receiving U.S. government funds in India is aware that it is U.S. policy that caste discrimination is unacceptable and that the United States is committed to eliminating it; (6) ensuring that qualified Dalits are not discouraged from working with the U.S. government or U.S.-funded organizations in India; and (7) discussing the issue of caste in the context of congressional delegations.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 24, 2007:** Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Jul 23, 2007:** Mr. Sherman moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended.
- **Jul 23, 2007:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8211-8213)
- **Jul 23, 2007:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H. Con. Res. 139.
- **Jul 23, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text as passed in House: CR H8211-8212)
- **Jul 23, 2007:** On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text as passed in House: CR H8211-8212)
- **Jul 23, 2007:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 26, 2007:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 26, 2007:** Committee Agreed to Seek Consideration Under Suspension of the Rules, (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **May 1, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **May 1, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.