

HRES 1509

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the next president of the United States should immediately work to reverse damaging and illegal actions taken by the Bush/Cheney Administration and collaborate with Congress to proactively prevent any further abuses of executive branch power.

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 26, 2008
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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

States that the next President must: (1) reaffirm the commitment to upholding the Constitution of the United States; (2) fully investigate Bush/Cheney Administration officials' alleged crimes and hold them accountable for any illegal acts; (3) make such officials comply with congressional subpoenas; (4) hold accountable officials who disclose the identity of any covert agent; (5) hold accountable officials who pursue politically motivated prosecutions; (6) ensure that any official guilty of a war crime is prosecuted under the War Crimes Act and the Anti-Torture Act; (7) affirm the sole legal right of Congress to declare war; (8) make criminal an official's lying to Congress and the public about the reasons for going to war; (9) restore the writ of habeas corpus as an essential principle of democracy; (10) ensure that torture and rendition is uniformly prohibited under U.S. law; (11) immediately close the Guantanamo Bay detention camp; (12) require independent judicial review of claims of state secrets privilege by executive officials; (13) reaffirm that the Office of the Vice President is part of the executive branch; (14) publicly review potential abuses of the presidential pardon process; and (15) reform the use of presidential signing statements.

Actions Timeline

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