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HCONRES 151

Noting the disturbing pattern of killings of numerous independent journalists in Russia since 2000, and urging Russian President Vladimir Putin to authorize cooperation with outside investigators in solving those murders.

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	May 23, 2007
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 19, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jun 18, 2007)

Recalls the essential role that transparency and the free flow of information play in creating democratic institutions and civil society.

Recognizes the vital contribution made by independent journalists in Russia in bringing transparency and a free flow of information to readers after decades of Communist censorship and repression.

Notes the disturbing trend of murders of independent journalists in Russia over the last decade.

Encourages the President of the United States to offer Russian President Vladimir Putin and other officials of the Russian government law enforcement investigative assistance to help identify and bring to justice those responsible for the many unsolved murders of journalists in Russia.

Urges President Putin to seek out competent, outside law enforcement assistance in the investigation of such murders.

Actions Timeline

- Jun 19, 2007: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- Jun 18, 2007: Ms. Watson moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended.
- Jun 18, 2007: Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6610-6612)
- Jun 18, 2007: DEBATE The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H. Con. Res. 151.
- Jun 18, 2007: 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 18, 2007: Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H6630)
- Jun 18, 2007: 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): 388 1 (Roll no. 500).(text: CR H6610)
- Jun 18, 2007: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 388 1 (Roll no. 500). (text: CR H6610)
- Jun 18, 2007: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- Jun 18, 2007: The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- May 23, 2007: Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- May 23, 2007: Committee Agreed to Seek Consideration Under Suspension of the Rules, (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- May 22, 2007: Introduced in House
- May 22, 2007: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.