

## HCONRES 20

Calling on the Government of the United Kingdom to immediately establish a full, independent, and 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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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 5, 2007
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 5, 2007
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Mar 15, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

**(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on January 30, 2007. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

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, 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**

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- **Mar 19, 2007:** Notwithstanding the Senate's previous adoption of H.Con.Res. 20, the adoption of the amendment to the preamble was vitiated by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S3283)
- **Mar 19, 2007:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Mar 15, 2007:** Senate Committee on Foreign Relations discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 15, 2007:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S3236-3237)
- **Mar 15, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and an amended preamble by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 15, 2007:** Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and an amended preamble by Unanimous Consent.
- **Feb 17, 2007:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Feb 5, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Europe.
- **Feb 5, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight.
- **Jan 31, 2007:** Received in the Senate.
- **Jan 30, 2007:** Mr. Lantos moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended.
- **Jan 30, 2007:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1000-1004)
- **Jan 30, 2007:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H. Con. Res. 20.
- **Jan 30, 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.
- **Jan 30, 2007:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1019-1020)
- **Jan 30, 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): 364 - 34, 25 Present (Roll no. 63). (text: CR H1000-1001)
- **Jan 30, 2007:** On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 364 - 34, 25 Present (Roll no. 63). (text: CR H1000-1001)
- **Jan 30, 2007:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 23, 2007:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jan 23, 2007:** Committee Agreed to Seek Consideration Under Suspension of the Rules, by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jan 9, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 9, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.