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## **SRES 643**

A resolution calling for greater dialogue between the Dalai Lama and the Government of China regarding rights for the people of Tibet, and for other purposes.

Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: International Affairs

Introduced: Aug 1, 2008

Current Status: Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and an amended preamble by Unanimous Consent.

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Latest Action: Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and an amended preamble by Unanimous Consent.

(text: CR S8960-8961) (Sep 17, 2008)

Official Text: https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/senate-resolution/643

## **Sponsor**

Name: Sen. Smith, Gordon H. [R-OR]

Party: Republican • State: OR • Chamber: Senate

## Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]	$D\cdotWI$		Aug 1, 2008

## **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Sep 17, 2008

# **Subjects & Policy Tags**

## **Policy Area:**

International Affairs

#### **Related Bills**

No related bills are listed.

### (This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Urges the Dalai Lama or his representatives and the government of the People's Republic of China (PRC) to begin negotiations for a solution that addresses the legitimate grievances of, and provides genuine autonomy for, the Tibetan people.

Affirms that the human rights of Tibetans and their right to practice religion free of government regulation is not an internal matter of any one country.

Calls on the U.S. government to press the PRC to: (1) respect freedom of speech and freedom of association and to release those who have committed no crime other than peaceful protest; and (2) allow Tibetans to practice their religion freely.

#### **Actions Timeline**

- Sep 17, 2008: Senate Committee on Foreign Relations discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S8960-8961)
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- Sep 17, 2008: Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent.
- Sep 17, 2008: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and an amended preamble by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S8960-8961)
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- Aug 1, 2008: Introduced in Senate
- Aug 1, 2008: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8048)
- Aug 1, 2008: Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text of measure as introduced: CR S8048)