

SRES 153

A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the restitution of or compensation for property seized during the Nazi and Communist eras.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: International Affairs

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Current Status: Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. (consider

Latest Action: Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S6824-6825; text as passed Senate: CR S6824-6825) (Jun 18, 2009)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]

Party: Democratic • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		May 19, 2009
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jun 16, 2009
Sen. Kaufman, Edward E. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jun 17, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 16, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

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International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the Senate reported version is repeated here.)

States that the Senate appreciates the efforts of those European countries that have enacted legislation for the restitution of, or compensation for, private, communal, and religious property confiscated during the Nazi or Communist eras.

Calls on the President and the Secretary of State to engage in dialogue with leaders of countries that have not enacted such legislation to support such legislation's adoption.

Welcomes the efforts of many post-Communist countries to address the status of confiscated properties and urges those countries to ensure that their restitution or compensation programs are implemented in a timely and non-discriminatory manner.

Urges the governments of Poland and Lithuania and the governments of other European countries that have not already done so to enact legislation so that victims, and communities, of Nazi persecution whose private religious or communal property was confiscated by the Nazis and in turn seized by a Communist government are able to obtain restitution of, or compensation for, such property.

Welcomes the decision by the government of the Czech Republic to host a June 2009 international conference to continue the work done at the 1998 Washington Conference on Holocaust-Era Assets to address issues relating to: (1) restitution or compensation; (2) opening of archives and the work of historical commissions; and (3) social welfare issues of Holocaust survivors.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 18, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S6824-6825; text as passed Senate: CR S6824-6825)
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- **Jun 16, 2009:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jun 16, 2009:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Kerry without amendment and with a preamble. Without written report.
- **Jun 16, 2009:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 79.
- **May 19, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 19, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5622-5623)
- **May 19, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5622)