

HRES 1631

Calling for the protection of religious sites and artifacts from and in Turkish-occupied areas of northern Cyprus as well as for general respect for religious freedom.

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 16, 2010

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.)

Expresses the appreciation of the House of Representatives for the efforts of those countries that have restored religious property wrongly confiscated during the Turkish occupation of northern Cyprus.

Welcomes the initiatives and commitment of the Republic of Cyprus to work to restore and maintain religious heritage sites.

Urges the government of Turkey to: (1) implement immediately the United Nations Security Council Resolutions relevant to Cyprus as well as the judgments of the European Court of Human Rights; (2) work to retrieve and restore all lost artifacts and immediately halt destruction on religious sites, illegal archaeological excavations, and traffic in icons and antiquities; and (3) allow for the proper preservation and reconstruction of destroyed or altered religious sites and immediately cease all restrictions on freedom of religion for the enclaved Cypriots.

Calls on the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, the President, the Secretary of State, and the State Department Office of International Religious Freedom to take specified steps to address the concerns and actions called for in this resolution.

Urges the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) to: (1) ensure that member states do not receive stolen Cypriot art and antiquities; and (2) press the government of Turkey to abide by its international commitments in this matter.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 28, 2010:** Mr. Tanner moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution.
- **Sep 28, 2010:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7048-7052)
- **Sep 28, 2010:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H. Res. 1631.
- **Sep 28, 2010:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H7048-7049)
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- **Sep 16, 2010:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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