

## SCONRES 19

A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Shi'ite Personal Status Law in Afghanistan violates the fundamental human rights of women and should be repealed.

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

**Introduced:** Apr 23, 2009

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. (Jun 2, 2009)

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### Sponsor

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Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Apr 23, 2009
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Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Apr 23, 2009
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Apr 23, 2009
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Apr 23, 2009
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Apr 23, 2009
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		May 4, 2009

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 2, 2009
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 13, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

International Affairs

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HCONRES 108	Related bill	<b>Apr 23, 2009:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

**(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the Senate on May 13, 2009. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Urges the government of Afghanistan to revise the Shi'ite Personal Status Law, including its provisions on marital rape and women's freedom of movement, to ensure its consistency with internationally recognized rights of women, including those contained in treaties to which Afghanistan is a party.

Supports President Karzai's decision to analyze the draft law and strongly urges him not to publish it until it has been revised to be consistent with internationally recognized rights of women.

Encourages the Secretary of State, the Special Representative to Afghanistan and Pakistan, the Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues, and the U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan to consider the status of women's rights and security in Afghanistan.

Encourages the government of Afghanistan to solicit information and advice from the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Women's Affairs, the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission, and women-led nongovernmental organizations to ensure that legislation and policies uphold the equal rights of women.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 2, 2009:** Received in the House.
- **Jun 2, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
- **May 22, 2009:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 21, 2009:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S5883-5884; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S5883)
- **May 21, 2009:** The committee substitute agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- **May 21, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Resolution agreed to in Senate with an amendment and an amended preamble by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S5883-5884)
- **May 21, 2009:** Resolution agreed to in Senate with an amendment and an amended preamble by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S5883-5884)
- **May 13, 2009:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Kerry with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble. Without written report.
- **May 13, 2009:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 61.
- **May 5, 2009:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Apr 23, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 23, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4699)