

## SRES 391

A resolution condemning violence by the Government of Syria against journalists, and expressing the sense of the Senate on freedom of the press in Syria.

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

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**Current Status:** Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and an amended preamble by Voice Vote. (considerati

**Latest Action:** Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and an amended preamble by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S2278-2279; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S2278; text as passed Senate: CR S2278-2279) (Mar 29, 2012)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]

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

### Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 8, 2012
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 8, 2012
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 8, 2012
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 8, 2012
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [I-CT]	ID · CT		Mar 8, 2012
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 8, 2012
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 8, 2012
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 8, 2012
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 13, 2012

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Mar 28, 2012

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

International Affairs

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HRES 629	Identical bill	May 7, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia .

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

Calls on Syria to: (1) open the country to independent and foreign journalists and end its media blackout; and (2) release all detained journalists, videographers, and bloggers.

Condemns: (1) Syria's intimidation and violence towards journalists, videographers, and bloggers; and (2) nations that assist Syria's media repression.

Pays tribute to the journalists who have lost their lives while reporting on the conflict in Syria and commends the courage of journalists who continue to operate in harm's way.

Supports the people of Syria seeking a free flow of accurate news and other forms of information.

Reaffirms the centrality of press freedom to U.S. efforts to support democracy around the world.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 29, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and an amended preamble by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S2278-2279; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S2278; text as passed Senate: CR S2278-2279)
- **Mar 29, 2012:** Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and an amended preamble by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S2278-2279; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S2278; text as passed Senate: CR S2278-2279)
- **Mar 28, 2012:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Kerry without amendment and with an amended preamble. Without written report.
- **Mar 28, 2012:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 348.
- **Mar 27, 2012:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Mar 8, 2012:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 8, 2012:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1543)