

## SRES 65

A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the conviction by the Government of Russia of businessman Mikhail Khodorkovsky and Platon Lebedev constitutes a politically motivated case of selective arrest and prosecution that flagrantly undermines the rule of law and independence of the judicial system of Russia.

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No related bills are listed.

Expresses the sense of the Senate that: (1) in cases dealing with perceived threats to authorities the Russian judiciary is frequently used as an instrument of the Kremlin; (2) Mikhail Khodorkovsky and Platon Lebedev are political prisoners who have been denied due process rights under international law; (3) in light of the record of selective prosecution, politicization, and abuse of process involved in their cases, the 2010 conviction against Mr. Khodorkovsky and Mr. Lebedev should be overturned; and (4) the government of Russia is encouraged to take these actions to further a more positive relationship between the governments and people of the United States and Russia.

#### **Actions Timeline**

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