

SRES 213

A resolution expressing support for the free and peaceful exercise of representative democracy in Venezuela, condemning violence and intimidation against the country's political opposition, and calling for dialogue between all political actors in the country.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: International Affairs

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Current Status: Resolution agreed to in Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title and an amended preamble

Latest Action: Resolution agreed to in Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title and an amended preamble by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7213-7214; text as passed Senate: CR S7213) (Oct 4, 2013)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]

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

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Aug 1, 2013
Sen. Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL]	R · IL		Aug 1, 2013
Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Aug 1, 2013
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Aug 1, 2013
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Aug 1, 2013
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Aug 1, 2013
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Sep 9, 2013
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Sep 27, 2013

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 1, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Supports the people of Venezuela in their pursuit of the free exercise of representative democracy as guaranteed by the Constitution of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Deplores the undemocratic denial of the legitimate rights of opposition parliamentarians in Venezuela, the violence perpetrated against opposition legislators inside chambers of the National Assembly, and the growing efforts to use politically-motivated criminal charges to intimidate the country's political opposition.

Commends legislators from other countries in the Americas who have declared their opposition to alleged electoral irregularities and condemned the use of violence against opposition parliamentarians in Venezuela.

Urges the Department of State to work with other countries in the Americas to ensure the rule of law in Venezuela in accordance with the Inter-American Democratic Charter and to strengthen the ability of the Organization of American States (OAS) to respond to the erosion of democratic norms and institutions in member states.

Calls for the United States to work with other countries in the hemisphere to actively encourage a process of dialogue between the government of Venezuela and the political opposition through the OAS so that the voices of all Venezuelans can be taken into account through their country's constitutional institutions and free and fair elections.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 4, 2013:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Resolution agreed to in Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title and an amended preamble by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S7213-7214; text as passed Senate: CR S7213)
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- **Sep 30, 2013:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Sep 30, 2013:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Menendez with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title and with an amended preamble. Without written report.
- **Sep 30, 2013:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 201.
- **Aug 1, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
- **Aug 1, 2013:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text of measure as introduced: CR S6236)