

SRES 447

A resolution recognizing the threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in the efforts of the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance.

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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 amended preamble by Unanimous Consent. (cons)

Latest Action: Resolution agreed to in Senate with an amendment and an amended preamble by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S4284-4285; text as passed Senate: CR S4284-4285) (Jul 8, 2014)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		May 15, 2014
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jun 24, 2014

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 25, 2014

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 SRES 143	Related bill	Jun 18, 2013: Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S4619)

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the Senate on June 25, 2014. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Expresses concern about the threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world following World Press Freedom Day, held on May 3, 2014.

Commends journalists and media workers for their essential role in promoting government accountability, defending democratic activity, and strengthening civil society, despite threats to their safety.

Pays tribute to the journalists who have lost their lives carrying out their work.

Calls on governments abroad to implement United Nations (U.N.) General Assembly Resolution (A/RES/68/163) by seeking to resolve outstanding cases of violence against journalists.

Condemns all actions around the world that suppress freedom of the press, such as the recent kidnappings of journalists and media workers in eastern Ukraine by pro-Russian militant groups.

Calls on the President and the Secretary of State to: (1) ensure that the United States responds to, and highlights the issue of, threats against freedom of the press around the world; and (2) urge foreign governments to investigate and bring to justice the perpetrators of attacks against journalists.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 8, 2014:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Resolution agreed to in Senate with an amendment and an amended preamble by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S4284-4285; text as passed Senate: CR S4284-4285)
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- **Jun 25, 2014:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Menendez with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble. Without written report.
- **Jun 25, 2014:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 440.
- **Jun 24, 2014:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably.
- **May 15, 2014:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 15, 2014:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3078)