

## HCONRES 121

Expressing the sense of the Congress condemning the gross violations of international law amounting to war crimes and crimes against humanity by the Government of Syria, its allies, and other parties to the conflict in Syria, and asking the President to direct his Ambassador at the United Nations to promote the establishment of a war crimes tribunal where these crimes could be addressed.

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Mar 1, 2016
Rep. Pitts, Joseph R. [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Mar 1, 2016
Rep. Royce, Edward R. [R-CA-39]	R · CA		Mar 1, 2016
Rep. Paulsen, Erik [R-MN-3]	R · MN		Mar 2, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Mar 2, 2016
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 15, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

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### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Condemns the use of unlawful violence against civilian populations by the government of Syria, its allies, and other parties to the conflict, and urges the United States and its partners to work toward the cessation of such attacks.

Urges the Administration to establish additional mechanisms for the protection of civilians and to ensure access to humanitarian aid for vulnerable populations.

Urges the United States to support efforts to collect and analyze documentation related to ongoing violations of human rights in Syria that can be used to support future prosecutions for war crimes and crimes against humanity committed by the government of Syria, its allies, and other parties to the conflict.

Urges: (1) the President to direct the U.S. representative to the United Nations to promote the establishment of a Syrian war crimes tribunal; and (2) other nations to apprehend and deliver into tribunal custody any persons indicted for war crimes, crimes against humanity, or genocide in Syria.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 15, 2016:** Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Mar 14, 2016:** Mr. Smith (NJ) moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended.
- **Mar 14, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1312-1314)
- **Mar 14, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H. Con. Res. 121.
- **Mar 14, 2016:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Mar 14, 2016:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1326-1327)
- **Mar 14, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 392 - 3 (Roll no. 113).(text: CR H1312)
- **Mar 14, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 392 - 3 (Roll no. 113). (text: CR H1312)
- **Mar 14, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 2, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 2, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 1, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 1, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.