

## SCONRES 41

A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress on the Peshmerga of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq.

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** IA • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Jul 14, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 18, 2016
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 14, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

International Affairs

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Expresses the sense of Congress that:

- the Peshmerga of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq have been one of the most effective fighting forces in the military campaign against the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS);
- ISIS poses an acute threat to the Iraqi people and territorial integrity of Iraq, including the Kurdistan Region, and the security and stability of the Middle East;
- the severe budget shortfalls faced by the government of Iraq and the Kurdistan regional government are hindering the stability of Iraq and have the potential to undermine long-term efforts to bring about the sustainable defeat of ISIS;
- specified funds pledged by the U.S. government to the Kurdish Peshmerga in April 2016 should remain a priority for the United States as part of continued support for Iraqi Security Forces;
- the Peshmerga should receive all weapons and equipment that the United States agrees to provide in an expeditious and timely manner;
- it should be the policy of the United States to support, within the framework of the Iraq Constitution, Iraqi Security Forces, the Kurdish Peshmerga in Iraq, Sunni tribal forces, and other local security forces in the campaign against ISIS;
- ensuring the safe resettlement and reintegration of ethnic and religious minorities into their homelands in Iraq is a critical component toward achieving a safe, secure, and sovereign Iraq;
- the Peshmerga require equipment that will allow them to defend themselves and their coalition advisers against the increased use of vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices;
- the Peshmerga are vital partners in the fight against ISIS; and
- the United States, in coordination with the Iraqi government, will endeavor to increase assistance to Iraqi Kurdish Forces to enhance their combat medicine and logistical capabilities, defend internally displaced persons and refugees, and defend the Peshmerga and their coalition advisers.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 18, 2016:** Received in the House.
- **Jul 18, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
- **Jul 15, 2016:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 14, 2016:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably.
- **Jul 14, 2016:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Corker with amendments. Without written report.
- **Jul 14, 2016:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 566.
- **Jul 14, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Resolution agreed to in Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S5186-5187; text as passed Senate: CR S5186-5187)
- **Jul 14, 2016:** Resolution agreed to in Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S5186-5187; text as passed Senate: CR S5186-5187)
- **Jun 16, 2016:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 16, 2016:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4306)