

SRES 432

A resolution supporting respect for human rights and encouraging inclusive governance in Ethiopia.

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Sen. Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL]	R · IL		Apr 28, 2016
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Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		May 19, 2016
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jun 21, 2016
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		Jun 23, 2016
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Jun 29, 2016
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Sep 19, 2016
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Sep 29, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 28, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

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International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HRES 861	Related bill	Sep 12, 2016: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Summary (as of Jun 28, 2016)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Condemns the:

- killings of peaceful protesters and excessive use of force by Ethiopian security forces;
- arrest of journalists, students, activists and political leaders who exercise their constitutional rights to freedom of assembly and expression through peaceful protests; and
- abuse of the Anti-Terrorism Proclamation to stifle political and civil dissent and journalistic freedoms.

Urges protesters in Ethiopia to refrain from violence.

Calls on the government of Ethiopia to:

- halt the use of excessive force by security forces;
- investigate the killings and excessive use of force that took place as a result of protests in the Oromia region;
- release dissidents, activists, and journalists who have been jailed for exercising constitutional rights;
- respect the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and guarantee freedom of the press and mass media; and
- repeal proclamations that can be used to prohibit funding for organizations that investigate human rights violations, engage in peaceful political dissent, or advocate for greater political freedoms or proclamations that prohibit or otherwise limit those displaced from their land from seeking judicial redress.

Calls on: (1) the Department of State to improve oversight of U.S. assistance, and review security assistance, to Ethiopia; and (2) the U.S. Agency for International Development to lead efforts to develop a strategy to support improved democracy and governance in Ethiopia.

Supports the peaceful efforts of the Ethiopian people to exercise their constitutional rights.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 28, 2016:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Corker without amendment and with a preamble. Without written report.
- **Jun 28, 2016:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 536.
- **Jun 23, 2016:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Apr 20, 2016:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 20, 2016:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.