

HRES 536

Supporting freedom of the press in Latin America and the Caribbean and condemning violations of press freedom and violence against journalists, bloggers, and individuals exercising their right to freedom of speech.

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Latest Action: Motion to reconsider laid on the table. Agreed to without objection. (Dec 15, 2015)

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Rep. Torres, Norma J. [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Dec 11, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Dec 9, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Supports a free press in Latin America and the Caribbean and condemns violations of press freedom and violence against journalists.

Urges countries in the region to implement recommendations to its Member States from the Organization of American States Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression.

Urges countries in Latin America and the Caribbean to be vocal in condemning violations of press freedom, violence against journalists, and the culture of impunity that leads to self-censorship.

Urges Western Hemisphere countries to uphold the principles outlined in the Inter-American Democratic Charter.

Urges the U.S. Agency for International Development and the Department of State to assist the media in closed societies to promote a free press.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 15, 2015:** Mr. Royce moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended.
- **Dec 15, 2015:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H9318-9321)
- **Dec 15, 2015:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H. Res. 536.
- **Dec 15, 2015:** 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.
- **Dec 15, 2015:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H9321-9322)
- **Dec 15, 2015:** 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): 399 - 2 (Roll No. 694). (text: CR H9318)
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- **Dec 15, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table. Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 9, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Dec 9, 2015:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 19, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 19, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.