

HRES 780

Urging respect for the constitution of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in the democratic transition of power in 2016.

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Latest Action: Motion to reconsider laid on the table. Agreed to without objection. (Nov 15, 2016)

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 13, 2016
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Jul 14, 2016
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 13, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

The United States should impose sanctions on government officials of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) who impede progress toward a democratic transition through credible elections that respect the will of the DRC people.

Sanctions should target core figures in President Kabila's government for visa denials and asset freezes.

Economic and security assistance should be reviewed for possible termination, while preserving humanitarian assistance, until the election crisis is resolved.

The President of the United States should lift sanctions only when: (1) President Kabila has declared that he will not remain in power once his term ends and has made verifiable progress towards holding national elections, or (2) the DRC has held a free and fair presidential election and a new President has been sworn in.

The United States should: (1) support independent DRC civil society organizations and media, and (2) investigate and target money laundering activities by key figures close to President Kabila and those financial institutions involved in such activities.

The United States should coordinate efforts with key Western and African partners, including through other financial intelligence units.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 15, 2016:** Mr. Royce moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended.
- **Nov 15, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6185-6189)
- **Nov 15, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H. Res. 780.
- **Nov 15, 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.
- **Nov 15, 2016:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H6208-6209)
- **Nov 15, 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): 416 - 3 (Roll no. 578).(text: CR H6185-6186)
- **Nov 15, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 416 - 3 (Roll no. 578). (text: CR H6185-6186)
- **Nov 15, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table. Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 14, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 14, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 13, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 13, 2016:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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