

## SRES 150

A resolution recognizing threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in efforts of the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance.

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

**Introduced:** May 3, 2017

**Current Status:** Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.  
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**Latest Action:** Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.  
(consideration: CR S8154) (Dec 20, 2017)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		May 3, 2017
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		May 3, 2017
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Dec 5, 2017
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Dec 12, 2017

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 7, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

International Affairs

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 SRES 501	Related bill	Nov 28, 2018: Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and an amended preamble by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7194)
115 HRES 875	Related bill	May 7, 2018: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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

Welcomes the celebration of World Press Freedom Day 2017 on May 3, 2017.

Commends journalists and media workers around the world for their role in promoting government accountability, defending democratic activity, and strengthening civil society, despite threats to their safety. Pays tribute to journalists who have lost their lives or liberty carrying out their work.

Calls on governments abroad to implement United Nations General Assembly Resolution 163 (1963) by investigating and seeking to resolve cases of violence against journalists and by reporting on the investigations.

Expresses concern about the threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and condemns actions that suppress it.

Calls on the President and the Department of State to:

- build upon U.S. leadership in freedom of the press;
- improve the means by which the U.S. government identifies, publicizes, and responds to threats against freedom of the press around the world;
- urge foreign governments to conduct transparent investigations and adjudications of the perpetrators of attacks against journalists; and
- highlight the issue of threats against freedom of the press in the annual Human Rights Reports and year round.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 20, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S8154)
- **Dec 20, 2017:** Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S8154)
- **Dec 7, 2017:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Corker without amendment and with a preamble. Without written report.
- **Dec 7, 2017:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 277.
- **Dec 5, 2017:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **May 3, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 3, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2725)