

HRES 259

Expressing concern and condemnation over the political, economic, social, and humanitarian crisis in Venezuela.

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Latest Action: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. (Dec 7, 2017)

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| Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2] | R · SC | | Jul 26, 2017 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Foreign Affairs Committee | House | Referred to | May 18, 2017 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Dec 7, 2017)

Urges the government of Venezuela to heed the calls of the international community to: (1) hold free, fair, and open elections; (2) release all political prisoners, including U.S. citizens; (3) respect the constitutional rights of the National Assembly; and (4) open a channel for international humanitarian assistance and medicines.

Calls for Organization of American States (OAS) member states to continue: (1) efforts to support the principles of the Inter-American Democratic Charter, regardless of Venezuela's intent to withdraw from the OAS; and (2) calls for the Venezuelan government to hold free and fair elections and release all political prisoners in a timely manner.

Recognizes the leadership of OAS Secretary General Luis Almagro in building a coalition of OAS member states in support of democracy and human rights for the Venezuelan people.

Encourages the President of the United States to prioritize: (1) a resolution of the political, economic, social, and humanitarian crisis in Venezuela; and (2) an effective response to the growing regional refugee crisis in Venezuela through multilateral cooperation with partners at the OAS and United Nations and through targeted sanctions against individuals responsible for the deterioration of democratic institutions and the rule of law.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 7, 2017:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H9730-9731)
- **Dec 7, 2017:** 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): 419 - 8 (Roll no. 667).(text: CR 12/5/2017 CR H9659-9660)
- **Dec 7, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 419 - 8 (Roll no. 667). (text: CR 12/5/2017 CR H9659-9660)
- **Dec 7, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 5, 2017:** Mr. Royce (CA) moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended.
- **Dec 5, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H9659-9663)
- **Dec 5, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H. Res. 259.
- **Dec 5, 2017:** 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.
- **Jul 27, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 27, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended).
- **May 24, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 24, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **May 18, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere.
- **Apr 6, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 6, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.