

SRES 35

A resolution expressing profound concern about the ongoing political, economic, social and humanitarian crisis in Venezuela, urging the release of political prisoners, and calling for respect of constitutional and democratic processes, including free and fair elections.

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Feb 1, 2017
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Feb 1, 2017
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Feb 1, 2017
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		Feb 1, 2017
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Feb 1, 2017
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 1, 2017
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Feb 1, 2017
Sen. Perdue, David [R-GA]	R · GA		Feb 1, 2017
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Feb 1, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Feb 28, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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

Calls on the government of Venezuela to:

- release all political prisoners and to respect internationally recognized human rights;
- ensure the neutrality and professionalism of all security forces and to respect the Venezuelan people's rights to freedom of expression and assembly; and
- halt its efforts to undermine the principle of separation of powers, its circumvention of the democratically elected legislature, and its subjugation of judicial independence.

Expresses support for: (1) meaningful efforts toward a dialogue that leads to respect for Venezuela's constitutional mechanisms and resolves the country's political, economic, social, and humanitarian crisis; and (2) Organization of American States (OAS) Secretary General Almagro's invocation of Article 20 of the Inter-American Democratic Charter. Urges the OAS Permanent Council to undertake a collective assessment of the constitutional and democratic order in Venezuela.

Stresses the urgency of strengthening the rule of law and increasing efforts to combat impunity and public corruption in Venezuela.

Urges the President of the United States to provide full support for OAS efforts in favor of constitutional and democratic solutions to the political impasse and to instruct federal agencies to hold officials of the Venezuelan government accountable for violations of U.S. law and abuses of internationally recognized human rights.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 28, 2017:** Senate Committee on Foreign Relations discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S1506)
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- **Feb 28, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.
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- **Feb 1, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 1, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text of measure as introduced: CR S600-601)