

HRES 552

Reaffirming the United States-Liberia partnership, and calling for free, fair, and peaceful elections in Liberia in October 2017.

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 2, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 SRES 266	Identical bill	Sep 25, 2017: Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5887-5888)

Summary (as of Oct 2, 2017)

Welcomes the visit of President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf to the U.S. Congress for her final address as President of Liberia.

Commends Sirleaf's efforts to consolidate post-conflict peacebuilding and democratic gains, promote social and economic development, and foster ties with the international community and her work to advance international gender equality.

Urges the government, people, and political parties of Liberia to:

- hold free, fair, credible, and peaceful elections in October 2017 and in the future;
- adhere to the objectives set out in the Ganta and Farmington River Declarations and promote and ensure peaceful conduct among candidates, their supporters, and Liberian citizens;
- ensure that there is robust civic education and electoral campaign outreach to politically marginalized groups; and
- raise awareness of, and express zero tolerance for, violence against women, gender discrimination, or social bias in the electoral process.

Supports efforts by the Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development to assist in election preparations.

Calls on Liberian citizens to fully participate in the general elections and to pursue legal avenues to resolve any disputes over the results. Encourages Liberian civil society organizations to intensify civic and voter education. Condemns any external interference in the election.

Encourages President Trump to appoint an Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs.

Calls upon the U.S. government and international partners to support successful elections and Liberia's anticipated historic democratic post-electoral transition of executive power.

Actions Timeline

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