

## SRES 691

A resolution reaffirming the centrality of press freedom and freedom of expression to democracy in the United States and to international peace and stability.

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

**Introduced:** Nov 15, 2018

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7056)

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7056) (Nov 15, 2018)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-resolution/691>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]

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

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Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Nov 15, 2018
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Nov 15, 2018
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Nov 15, 2018
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Nov 15, 2018
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Nov 15, 2018

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 15, 2018

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Summary** (as of Nov 15, 2018)

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Reaffirms the central role that independent and professional journalism plays in our society, and expresses support for, and solidarity with, independent journalists around the globe.

Condemns President Trump's rhetoric against the press.

Concurs with the statement of CNN that the withdrawal of press credentials from Jim Acosta is "a threat to our democracy and the country deserves better."

Supports an independent investigation by the United Nations into the death of Jamal Khashoggi.

## **Actions Timeline**

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