

SRES 458

A resolution calling for the global repeal of blasphemy, heresy, and apostasy laws.

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: International Affairs

Introduced: Dec 19, 2019

Current Status: Resolution agreed to in Senate with an amendment and an amended preamble by Unanimous Consent. (text)

Latest Action: Resolution agreed to in Senate with an amendment and an amended preamble by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S7851-7852) (Dec 19, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]

Party: Republican • **State:** OK • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Dec 19, 2019
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Jan 28, 2020
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Feb 5, 2020
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Feb 12, 2020
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Feb 27, 2020
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Feb 27, 2020
Sen. Loeffler, Kelly [R-GA]	R · GA		Jul 2, 2020
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		Jul 23, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Dec 19, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HRES 512	Identical bill	Dec 7, 2020: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 386 - 3, 1 Present (Roll no. 236). (text: CR H6865)

This resolution calls on the President and the Department of State to (1) encourage the repeal of blasphemy, heresy, and apostasy laws in bilateral discussions between the United States and countries that have such laws; (2) designate countries that enforce such laws as countries of particular concern for religious freedom; and (3) oppose efforts by the United Nations to implement an international anti-blasphemy norm. The resolution also calls on the governments of countries that enforce such laws to amend or repeal them and to release anyone imprisoned pursuant to them.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 19, 2020:** Senate Committee on Foreign Relations discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 19, 2020:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7850-7852)
- **Dec 19, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Resolution agreed to in Senate with an amendment and an amended preamble by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S7851-7852)
- **Dec 19, 2020:** Resolution agreed to in Senate with an amendment and an amended preamble by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S7851-7852)
- **Dec 19, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Dec 19, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text: CR S7213)