

SRES 503

A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Government of the People's Republic of China should immediately guarantee the safety and freedom of tennis star Peng Shuai.

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: International Affairs

Introduced: Feb 3, 2022

Current Status: Resolution agreed to in Senate with an amendment and an amended preamble by Voice Vote.
(consideration)

Latest Action: Resolution agreed to in Senate with an amendment and an amended preamble by Voice Vote.
(consideration: CR S2080-2081; text: CR S2080-2081) (Apr 7, 2022)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]

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

Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Feb 3, 2022
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Feb 3, 2022
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Feb 3, 2022
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Feb 3, 2022
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Feb 3, 2022
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Feb 3, 2022
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Feb 3, 2022
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Feb 3, 2022
Sen. Johnson, Ron [R-WI]	R · WI		Feb 3, 2022
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 3, 2022
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Feb 3, 2022
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Feb 3, 2022
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Feb 3, 2022
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Feb 3, 2022
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 3, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Apr 4, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HRES 837	Related bill	Dec 8, 2021: The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.

Summary (as of Apr 7, 2022)

This resolution expresses the sense of the Senate that the case of Peng Shuai is directly related to broader international concerns around the freedom of speech and safety in China.

The resolution expresses that the failure of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to clearly and forcefully challenge the claims of China concerning Peng's safety raises questions about the ability and willingness of the IOC to stand up for the human rights of athletes participating in the Olympic and Paralympic games in Beijing, as well as in future games.

The resolution also expresses that China should (1) allow Peng to provide independent and verifiable proof of her own whereabouts and safety without retribution, (2) allow Peng to engage directly with the Women's Tennis Association and the United Nations to independently verify her safety and explain her absence from public life since making her allegation, (3) open an independent and transparent investigation into Peng's allegations against former senior Vice Premier Zhang Gaoli, (4) publicly commit to holding sexual violence abusers accountable, (5) cease all censorship of reporting and discussions of Peng's case, and (6) allow Peng to leave China if she so desires and prevent any retaliation against her family members remaining there.

Finally, the resolution expresses that, by failing to clearly and forcefully challenge the Chinese Communist Party's narrative, the IOC has failed to uphold its own stated commitments with regard to respect for international conventions on protecting human rights.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 7, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Resolution agreed to in Senate with an amendment and an amended preamble by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S2080-2081; text: CR S2080-2081)
- **Apr 7, 2022:** Resolution agreed to in Senate with an amendment and an amended preamble by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S2080-2081; text: CR S2080-2081)
- **Apr 4, 2022:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Menendez with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble. Without written report.
- **Apr 4, 2022:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 323.
- **Mar 23, 2022:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Feb 3, 2022:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 3, 2022:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text: CR S525)