

SRES 23

A resolution demanding that the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Communist Party of China immediately release Mark Swidan.

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: International Affairs

Introduced: Feb 1, 2023

Current Status: Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. (consider

Latest Action: Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S1588; text: 02/01/2023 CR S210) (May 10, 2023)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-resolution/23>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Feb 1, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 4, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HRES 90	Identical bill	Apr 25, 2023: The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.

Summary (as of May 10, 2023)

This resolution demands that the Chinese government and the Communist Party of China (CPC) immediately release Mark Swidan. The resolution also condemns the Chinese government and the CPC for denying Swidan access to U.S. diplomats and independent and competent medical care.

Swidan is a U.S. citizen who was convicted of drug-related charges in China and sentenced to death. A U.N. working group on arbitrary detention considers Swidan's detention arbitrary and in violation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Actions Timeline

- **May 10, 2023:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S1588; text: 02/01/2023 CR S210)
- **May 10, 2023:** Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S1588; text: 02/01/2023 CR S210)
- **May 4, 2023:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Menendez without amendment and with a preamble. Without written report.
- **May 4, 2023:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 53.
- **May 3, 2023:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Feb 1, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 1, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.