

HRES 915

Urging the Government of Ukraine to review and modify its decision to suspend adoption by foreign nationals with a view to resuming such adoptions, particularly in cases where the mutual concerns of the Governments of Ukraine and of the United States can be substantially addressed.

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Latest Action: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. (Nov 21, 2024)

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Sponsor

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

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Rep. Green, Mark E. [R-TN-7]	R · TN		Jun 11, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 6, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Dec 6, 2023)

This resolution urges Ukraine to resume allowing certain U.S. citizens to adopt and to receive pre-adoptive placements of Ukrainian children. Specifically, the resolution:

- recommends Ukraine consider, as particularly urgent, cases where prospective U.S. parents have completed Ukraine's adoption process and received approval prior to the suspension of adoptions by non-Ukrainians on March 13, 2022;
- recommends that, in cases where Ukrainian children had already been placed in hosting programs, prospective U.S. parents be allowed to initiate the adoption process; and
- recommends that prospective U.S. parents be allowed to apply to receive, in a pre-adoptive placement, Ukrainian children that previously participated in hosting programs and that have an uncertain legal status regarding adoption.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 21, 2024:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H6168-6169)
- **Nov 21, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 372 - 6 (Roll no. 478). (text: 11/20/2024 CR H6135-6136)
- **Nov 21, 2024:** On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 372 - 6 (Roll no. 478). (text: 11/20/2024 CR H6135-6136)
- **Nov 21, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 20, 2024:** Mr. Moylan moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution.
- **Nov 20, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6135-6138)
- **Nov 20, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H. Res. 915.
- **Nov 20, 2024:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Dec 6, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 6, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.