

Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

February 12, 2021

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs to which was referred HCR 5,

AN ACT supporting democracy and human rights in Hungary, Poland, and Hong Kong and supporting democracy in Taiwan. Having considered the same, report the same with the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.

Rep. Brodie Deshaies

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs
Bill Number:	HCR 5
Title:	supporting democracy and human rights in Hungary, Poland, and Hong Kong and supporting democracy in Taiwan.
Date:	February 12, 2021
Consent Calendar:	CONSENT
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The committee believes that any and all governments that are democratically elected, constitutional republics or constitutional monarchies, should support the principles of freedom, liberty, and democracy at home and abroad. Today, we can observe nations like China, Russia, Iran and North Korea who oppress their people and promote other regimes and groups that are equally oppressive and grotesque. Specifically, China actively stifles these previously listed ideals in Hong Kong, stripping these democratic people of their God-given liberties; and China wishes to do the same to the people of Taiwan, forcing a free people into their oppressive grip. Nations like Hungary and Poland are also following down this same dangerous path, limiting the freedoms and liberties of their own people. We should express our concerns and ensure that we speak up for those who cannot practice such freedoms in their own countries. Democratic principles lead to happier, more fulfilling lives and create a more sustainable global peace.

Vote 21-0.

Rep. Brodie Deshaies
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

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State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

HCR 5, supporting democracy and human rights in Hungary, Poland, and Hong Kong and supporting democracy in Taiwan. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Brodie Deshaies for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs. The committee unanimously recommends OTP because any and all governments that are democratically elected, constitutional republics or constitutional monarchies, should support the principles of freedom, liberty, and democracy at home and abroad. Today, we can observe nations like China, Russia, Iran and North Korea who oppress their people and promote other regimes and groups that are equally oppressive and grotesque. Specifically, China actively stifles these previously listed ideals in Hong Kong, stripping these democratic people of their God-given liberties; and China wishes to do the same to the people of Taiwan, forcing a free people into their oppressive grip. Nations like Hungary and Poland are also following down this same dangerous path, limiting the freedoms and liberties of their own people. We should express our concerns and ensure that we speak up for those who cannot practice such freedoms in their own countries. Democratic principles lead to happier, more fulfilling lives and create a more sustainable global peace. **Vote 21-0.**

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Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HCR 5

BILL TITLE: supporting democracy and human rights in Hungary, Poland, and Hong Kong and supporting democracy in Taiwan.

DATE: January 29, 2021

LOB ROOM: 206/208

MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS

Moved by Rep. Deshaies

Seconded by Rep. Foster

Vote: 21-0

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Susan DeLemus, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on Bill # HCR 5

BILL TITLE: ...

DATE: 1/29/2021

LOB ROOM:

MOTION: (Please check one box)

- OTP
- ITL
- Retain (1st year)
- Adoption of Amendment # _____ (if offered)
- Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. Deshaies Seconded by Rep. Foster Vote: 21-0

MOTION: (Please check one box)

- OTP
- OTP/A
- ITL
- Retain (1st year)
- Adoption of Amendment # _____ (if offered)
- Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

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Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

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Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES NO

Minority Report? _____ Yes _____ No If yes, author, Rep: _____ Motion _____

Respectfully submitted: Susan C. DeLemus
Rep. Susan DeLemus, Clerk

Public Hearing

House Remote Testify

State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs Committee Testify List for Bill HCR5 on 2021-01-29

Support: 6 Oppose: 1 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 1

<u>Name</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>Signed Up</u>
Somssich, Peter	staterep27nh@gmail.com	603.436.5382	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	Yes (0m)	1/27/2021 4:23 PM
Meuse, David	David.Meuse@leg.state.nh.us	603.957.8436	An Elected Official	Rockingham 29	Support	No	1/28/2021 10:48 AM
Hamblet, Joan	joan.hamblet@leg.state.nh.us	603.205.4925	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	1/28/2021 4:53 PM
Fordey, Nicole	nikkif610@gmail.com	516.318.2296	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	1/28/2021 6:42 PM
See, Alvin	absee@4Liberty.net	7380656	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	1/28/2021 11:08 PM
Rathbun, Eric	ericrathbun@gmail.com	860.912.3751	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	1/29/2021 12:19 AM
Yokela, Josh	josh.yokela@leg.state.nh.us	603.722.0501	An Elected Official	Rockingham 33	Support	No	1/25/2021 2:42 PM

Testimony

Testimony to House Committee/ State-Federal Rations and Veterans Affairs

In Support of HCR5 regarding Human Rights and Democracy in Hungary, Poland and Hong Kong, by Rep. Peter Somssich, District 27, Portsmouth / Jan. 29, 2021

Thank you, Chairman Baldasaro, and committee members, for giving me this opportunity to introduce HCR5.

This House Joint Resolution expresses the support democracy and human rights in Hungary, Poland and Hong Kong, and encourages support for the democratic government of Taiwan.

The bill is intended to express our disapproval of recent authoritarian actions of the governments of Hungary, Poland and Hong Kong. In addition, we wish to express our support for the democratic country of Taiwan, which is a strong contrast to the authoritarian government in the People's Republic of China run by the Chinese Communist Party.

As a Hungarian American I have sadly observed that the governments of Hungary and Poland have been engaged in increasingly authoritarian actions to limit and even eliminate any democratic opposition voices in their respective countries, and to manipulate their judiciary system to be subservient to the governing party. Many of those actions have been condemned by the European Union, in which they are members, as violations of EU membership requirements. This has resulted in serious consideration by the EU of expulsion.

At the same time that the People's Republic of China has increasingly reduced and restricted the democratic rights of the people in Hong Kong, despite an agreement between that government and the government of the United Kingdom, the government of the Taiwan continues to uphold democratic and constitutional rights of its citizens, despite threats from mainland China,

For all these reasons, this resolution provides moral and symbolic support for the democratic rights of people in Hungary, Poland and Hong Kong. It Likewise signals to our US leaders that our country should strengthen and support our connections to the democratic government of Taiwan.

I thank the committee for its attention.

Bill as
Introduced

HCR 5 - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

21-0821

04/05

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION **5**

A RESOLUTION supporting democracy and human rights in Hungary, Poland, and Hong Kong and supporting democracy in Taiwan.

SPONSORS: Rep. Somssich, Rock. 27; Rep. Ammon, Hills. 40; Rep. Meuse, Rock. 29; Rep. Woods, Merr. 23; Rep. Hamblet, Rock. 31; Rep. Sytek, Rock. 8; Rep. Ward, Rock. 28

COMMITTEE: State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

ANALYSIS

This concurrent resolution expresses support for the democratic country of Taiwan, while expressing disapproval of the authoritarian actions of the Hungarian, Polish and Hong Kong governments.

HCR 5 - AS INTRODUCED

21-0821

04/05

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One

A RESOLUTION supporting democracy and human rights in Hungary, Poland, and Hong Kong and supporting democracy in Taiwan.

1 Whereas the governments of Hungary, Poland have now been engaged in increasingly
2 authoritarian actions to limit and even eliminate any democratic opposition voices in there
3 respective countries, and

4 Whereas the mainland People's Republic of China has increasingly reduced and restricted the
5 democratic rights of the people in Hong Kong, despite an agreement between that government and
6 the government of the United Kingdom, and

7 Whereas the government of the Taiwan continues to uphold the democratic and constitutional
8 rights of its citizens, despite threats from mainland China; and

9 Whereas, the New Hampshire general court expresses its disapproval of the authoritarian
10 actions of the governments of Hungary, Poland and Hong Kong and expresses its support for the
11 democratic country of Taiwan, in contrast to the authoritarian government in the Communist
12 People's Republic of China; now therefore be it

13 Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

14 That the New Hampshire general court expresses its support for the government of Taiwan,
15 while condemning the efforts of the Hungarian, Polish and Hong Kong governments to restrict the
16 rights of their citizens to exercise their constitutional civic and human rights.

17 That the house clerk forward copies of this resolution to the New Hampshire congressional
18 delegation.