

**Suspend the Rules And Agree to the Resolution, H.Res. 306 with
Amendments**

**(The amendments strike the preamble and insert a complete new
text)**

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 306

Urging the Republic of Turkey to safeguard its Christian heritage and to
return confiscated church properties.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 15, 2011

Mr. ROYCE (for himself, Mr. BERMAN, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. COSTA, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. BACA, Mr. CICILLINE, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. NUNES, Ms. CHU, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. BRALEY of Iowa, Mr. WOLF, Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. DENHAM, Mr. CARDOZA, and Mr. DOLD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Urging the Republic of Turkey to safeguard its Christian
heritage and to return confiscated church properties.

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that the Secretary of State, in all official con-
3 tacts with Turkish leaders and other Turkish officials,
4 should emphasize that Turkey should—

1 (1) end all forms of religious discrimination;

2 (2) allow the rightful church and lay owners of
3 Christian church properties, without hindrance or
4 restriction, to organize and administer prayer serv-
5 ices, religious education, clerical training, appoint-
6 ments, and succession, religious community gath-
7 erings, social services, including ministry to the
8 needs of the poor and infirm, and other religious ac-
9 tivities;

10 (3) return to their rightful owners all Christian
11 churches and other places of worship, monasteries,
12 schools, hospitals, monuments, relics, holy sites, and
13 other religious properties, including movable prop-
14 erties, such as artwork, manuscripts, vestments, ves-
15 sels, and other artifacts; and

16 (4) allow the rightful Christian church and lay
17 owners of Christian church properties, without hin-
18 drance or restriction, to preserve, reconstruct, and
19 repair, as they see fit, all Christian churches and
20 other places of worship, monasteries, schools, hos-
21 pitals, monuments, relics, holy sites, and other reli-
22 gious properties within Turkey.