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US LAWMAKERS SUBMIT ARMENIAN RESOLUTION

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Congressional effort has support of at least 16 senators in 100-member chamber

A bipartisan group of senators introduced a resolution Wednesday to recognize the 1915 events as "genocide".

"The Armenian genocide is a historical fact and not up for debate," said Senator Robert Menendez, who along with Senator Ted Cruz introduced the resolution. "With this resolution, we honor the millions of victims of this genocide, remember how they died and pledge that history accurately remember their deaths."

Turkey's position is that the deaths of Armenians in eastern Anatolia in 1915 took place when some sided with invading Russians and revolted against Ottoman forces. A subsequent relocation of Armenians resulted in numerous casualties.

Ankara does not accept the alleged genocide but acknowledges that there were casualties on both sides during the events of World War I.

Turkey objects to the presentation of the incidents as "genocide" but describes the 1915 events as a tragedy for both sides.

Ankara has repeatedly proposed the creation of a joint commission of historians from Turkey and Armenia plus international experts to tackle the issue.

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