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S 1272

POW Assistance Act of 2001 Congress: 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Jul 31, 2001

Current Status: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary by unanimous consent.

Latest Action: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary by unanimous consent. (Jun 18, 2002)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]

Party: Republican • State: UT • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 31, 2001
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Aug 1, 2001
Sen. Smith, Bob [R-NH]	$R \cdot NH$		Aug 1, 2001

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 18, 2002
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Jun 18, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 31, 2001)

POW Assistance Act of 2001 - Requires a Federal court, in an action brought by any U.S. prisoner of war (POW) against a Japanese person seeking money damages for mistreatment or failure to pay wages in connection with labor performed for the Japanese person by the POW during World War II, to apply the applicable statute of limitations of the State in which the action was brought. Terminates such requirement ten years after the enactment of this Act.

Actions Timeline

- Jun 18, 2002: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.
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- Jun 18, 2002: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary by unanimous consent.
- Jul 31, 2001: Introduced in Senate
- Jul 31, 2001: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8466-8467)
- Jul 31, 2001: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.