

S 1296

American Citizens' Protection and War Criminal Prosecution Act of 2001

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Aug 1, 2001

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HR 2699	Identical bill	Aug 1, 2001: Referred to the House Committee on International Relations.

## Summary (as of Aug 1, 2001)

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American Citizens' Protection and War Criminal Prosecution Act of 2001 - Expresses the sense of Congress that the United States should: (1) support the due process rights of U.S. citizens before foreign tribunals, including the International Criminal Court (ICC); (2) continue to participate in negotiations of the ICC's Preparatory Commission and as an observer in the Assembly of States Parties; (3) provide diplomatic and legal assistance to U.S. citizens who face prosecution without full due process; and (4) undertake to ensure that no U.S. citizen will face prosecutions without due process.

Declares that the United States shall not extradite U.S. citizens to the ICC under specified circumstances.

Directs: (1) the United States, if a U.S. citizen is accused of a crime under the Rome Statute to the ICC, to investigate and prosecute the crime, with an exception; and (2) the President, if a case involving a U.S. citizen is found admissible, to use diplomatic and legal resources to ensure that such person receives due process and available exculpatory evidence.

Sets forth various study and reporting requirements.

Authorizes the United States to provide assistance to the ICC for the prosecution of accused war criminals.

Directs the President to: (1) ensure that procedures are in place to prevent the transfer of classified national security information to the ICC, the United Nations, and other governments; and (2) certify, prior to submission of the Rome Statute to the Senate, that the ICC has established a demonstrated record of fair and impartial prosecution.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Aug 1, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **Aug 1, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8592-8593)
- **Aug 1, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.