

S 1779

Radio Free Afghanistan Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: International Affairs

Introduced: Dec 6, 2001

Current Status: Indefinitely postponed by Senate by Unanimous Consent.

Latest Action: Indefinitely postponed by Senate by Unanimous Consent. (Jun 18, 2002)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Biden, Joseph R., Jr. [D-DE]

Party: Democratic • **State:** DE • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Helms, Jesse [R-NC]	R · NC		Dec 6, 2001
Sen. Hagel, Chuck [R-NE]	R · NE		Dec 11, 2001

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 14, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HR 2998	Procedurally related	Mar 11, 2002: Became Public Law No: 107-148.

Radio Free Afghanistan Act - Requires RFE/RL, Incorporated (also known as Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty) to submit to the Broadcasting Board of Governors a detailed plan for the establishment of surrogate broadcasting services (Radio Free Afghanistan) in the Dari and Pashto languages to Afghanistan. Authorizes the Board to make grants to support Radio Free Afghanistan.

Declares that Radio Free Afghanistan shall adhere to the same standards of professionalism and accountability and oversight mechanisms as other services of RFE/RL, Incorporated.

Authorizes appropriations for FY 2002 for international broadcasting operations and broadcasting capital improvements for broadcasting into Afghanistan.

Amends the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1994 and 1995 to repeal the ban on the use of U.S. funds to construct a U.S. radio transmitter in Kuwait.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 18, 2002:** Indefinitely postponed by Senate by Unanimous Consent.
- **Feb 7, 2002:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S511)
- **Feb 7, 2002:** The committee amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- **Feb 7, 2002:** S. 1779 was advanced to third reading.
- **Feb 7, 2002:** Senate incorporated this measure in H.R. 2998 as an amendment.
- **Feb 7, 2002:** Senate passed companion measure H.R. 2998 in lieu of this measure by Unanimous Consent.
- **Feb 7, 2002:** Returned to the Calendar. Calendar No. 293.
- **Dec 14, 2001:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Biden with an amendment. With written report No. 107-125.
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- **Dec 14, 2001:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 293.
- **Dec 12, 2001:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Dec 6, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **Dec 6, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.