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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 20, 2001
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Reported By	Sep 6, 2001
Rules Committee	House	Discharged From	Sep 6, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HR 2833	Related bill	Sep 14, 2001: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 160.

Viet Nam Human Rights Act - **Title I: General Provisions** - Declares the that purpose of this Act is to promote the development of freedom and democracy in Viet Nam.

Title II: Promotion of Freedom and Democracy in Viet Nam - Subtitle A: Prohibition on Nonhumanitarian Assistance to the Government of Viet Nam - Prohibits U.S. nonhumanitarian assistance, with a specified exception, to the Government of Viet Nam for FY 2002, and for each subsequent fiscal year, unless the President determines and certifies to Congress that: (1) the Government of Viet Nam has made substantial progress toward releasing all political and religious prisoners from imprisonment, including respecting freedom of religion and the human rights of members of ethnic minority groups in the Central Highlands or elsewhere in Viet Nam; and (2) neither any official of the Government of Viet Nam nor entity owned by such Government was complicit in a severe form of trafficking in persons (or the Government of Viet Nam took appropriate steps to end such complicity). Directs the Secretary of the Treasury to instruct the U.S. Executive Directors of specified international financial institutions to use the U.S. vote to deny multilateral nonhumanitarian assistance to Viet Nam unless the President determines and certifies to Congress that such requirements have been met.

Subtitle B: Assistance to Support Democracy in Viet Nam - Authorizes the President to provide U.S. assistance, through appropriate nongovernmental organizations, for the support of individuals and organizations to promote human rights and nonviolent democratic change in Viet Nam. Authorizes appropriations for FY 2002 and 2003.

Subtitle C: United States Public Diplomacy - Declares it is U.S. policy to take such measures as are necessary to overcome the jamming of Radio Free Asia by the Government of Viet Nam. Authorizes appropriations for FY 2002 and 2003.

(Sec. 222) Declares it is U.S. policy that educational and cultural exchange programs with Viet Nam should promote progress toward freedom and democracy in Viet Nam.

Subtitle D: United States Refugee Policy - Declares it is U.S. policy to offer refugee resettlement to Viet Nam nationals (including members of the Montagnard ethnic minority groups) who are eligible for the Orderly Departure Program or any other U.S. refugee program but who were deemed ineligible for reasons of administrative error or certain circumstances beyond their control. Makes migration and refugee assistance available for FY 2001 through 2003 for the protection (including, in appropriate cases, the resettlement) of Vietnamese refugees and asylum seekers, including Montagnards in Cambodia.

Subtitle E: Annual Report on Progress Toward Freedom and Democracy in Viet Nam - Directs the Secretary of State to report annually to Congress: (1) that the requirements contained in the President's determination and certification have been met, if applicable; (2) on U.S. efforts to secure transmission sites for Radio Free Asia in countries in close geographical proximity to Viet Nam; (3) on efforts to ensure that educational and cultural exchange programs with Viet Nam promote certain policies regarding participation in such programs; and (4) on steps taken by the United States to offer refugee resettlement to certain Viet Nam nationals.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 5, 2001:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on International Relations. H. Rept. 107-199, Part I.
- **Sep 5, 2001:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on International Relations. H. Rept. 107-199, Part I.
- **Sep 5, 2001:** House Committee on Financial Services Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Sept. 5, 2001.
- **Sep 5, 2001:** House Committee on Rules Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Sept. 5, 2001.
- **Sep 5, 2001:** Committee on Financial Services discharged.
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- **Sep 5, 2001:** Committee on Rules discharged.
- **Sep 5, 2001:** Committee on Rules discharged.
- **Sep 5, 2001:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 117.
- **Aug 1, 2001:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Aug 1, 2001:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 20, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
- **Jun 28, 2001:** Introduced in House
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