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HR 2998

Radio Free Afghanistan Act

Congress: 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: International Affairs

Introduced: Oct 2, 2001

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 107-148.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 107-148. (Mar 11, 2002)

Law: 107-148 (Enacted Mar 11, 2002)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Royce, Edward R. [R-CA-39]

Party: Republican • State: CA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (57 total)

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Rep. Linder, John [R-GA-11]	R · GA		Oct 12, 2001
Rep. Norwood, Charles W. [R-GA-10]	$R \cdot GA$		Oct 12, 2001
Del. Underwood, Robert A. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Oct 16, 2001
Rep. Ballenger, Cass [R-NC-10]	$R \cdot NC$		Oct 16, 2001
Rep. Davis, Jo Ann [R-VA-1]	$R \cdot VA$		Oct 16, 2001
Rep. Deutsch, Peter [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Oct 16, 2001
Rep. Hefley, Joel [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Oct 16, 2001
Rep. Kennedy, Mark R. [R-MN-2]	$R \cdot MN$		Oct 16, 2001
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-3]	$R \cdot NY$		Oct 16, 2001
Rep. Wexler, Robert [D-FL-19]	$D \cdot FL$		Oct 16, 2001
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Oct 17, 2001
Rep. Clement, Bob [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Oct 25, 2001
Rep. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Oct 30, 2001
Rep. Ford, Harold E., Jr. [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Oct 30, 2001
Rep. Gillmor, Paul E. [R-OH-5]	$R \cdot OH$		Oct 31, 2001
Rep. Lantos, Tom [D-CA-12]	D · CA		Oct 31, 2001

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Nov 1, 2001
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 7, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 S 1779	Procedurally related	Jun 18, 2002: Indefinitely postponed by Senate by Unanimous Consent.

Summary (as of Feb 7, 2002)

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

- Mar 11, 2002: Signed by President.
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- Mar 11, 2002: Became Public Law No: 107-148.
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- Feb 27, 2002: Presented to President.
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- Feb 12, 2002: Mr. Hyde moved that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment.
- Feb 12, 2002: DEBATE The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2998.
- Feb 12, 2002: At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5, rule I, the chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- Feb 12, 2002: Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 421 2 (Roll no. 15).(consideration: CR H250-251, H264-265; text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR H250)
- Feb 12, 2002: On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 421 2 (Roll no. 15). (consideration: CR H250-251, H264-265; text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR H250)
- Feb 12, 2002: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- Feb 8, 2002: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- Feb 7, 2002: Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S511)
- Feb 7, 2002: Senate struck all after the Enacting Clause and substituted the language of S. 1779 amended. (text: CR S511)
- Feb 7, 2002: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate in lieu of S. 1779 with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
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- Nov 7, 2001: Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H7859-7860)
- Nov 7, 2001: Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 405 - 2 (Roll no. 429).(text: CR 11/06/2001 H7745)
- Nov 7, 2001: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 405 2 (Roll no. 429). (text: CR 11/06/2001 H7745)
- Nov 7, 2001: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- Nov 7, 2001: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- Nov 6, 2001: Mr. Royce moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- Nov 6, 2001: Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7745-7748)
- Nov 6, 2001: DEBATE The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2998.
- Nov 6, 2001: At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- Nov 1, 2001: Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- Nov 1, 2001: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- Oct 2, 2001: Introduced in House
- Oct 2, 2001: Introduced in House
- Oct 2, 2001: Referred to the House Committee on International Relations.