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Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act of 2001

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Chamber: Senate

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Sen. Shelby, Richard C. [R-AL]	$R \cdot AL$	Feb 26, 2001
Sen. DeWine, Mike [R-OH]	$R \cdot OH$	Feb 28, 2001
Sen. Jeffords, James M. [R-VT]	$R \cdot VT$	Feb 28, 2001
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	$D \cdot SD$	Feb 28, 2001
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	$R \cdot ME$	Feb 28, 2001
Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]	$R \cdot PA$	Feb 28, 2001
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	$R \cdot IA$	Apr 24, 2001
Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]	D · WI	Apr 25, 2001
Sen. Nelson, Ben [D-NE]	D · NE	Apr 26, 2001
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA	May 9, 2001

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 10, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commemorations

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HR 802	Related bill	May 30, 2001: Became Public Law No: 107-12.

Summary (as of May 14, 2001)

Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act of 2001 - Allows the President to award, and present in the name of the Congress, a Medal of Valor to a public safety officer cited by the Attorney General, upon the recommendation of the Medal of Valor Review Board, for extraordinary valor above and beyond the call of duty. Provides that the Public Safety Medal of Valor shall be the highest national award for valor by a public safety officer.

Establishes a Medal of Valor Review Board to select candidates to receive the Medal from among applications received by the National Medal of Valor Office. Requires the Board to consult with the Institute of Heraldry in the Department of Defense regarding the design of the Medal.

Authorizes appropriations.

Establishes within the Department of Justice a National Medal of Valor Office to provide staff support to the Board to establish criteria and procedures for the submission of nominee recommendations for the Medal and for the final design of the Medal.

Amends the Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to establish an honorary Director's (Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency) Award for Distinguished Public Safety Service for the recognition of outstanding and distinguished service by public safety officers (repeals provisions regarding the President's Award for Outstanding Public Safety Service and the Secretary of Commerce's Award for Distinguished Public Safety Service).

Actions Timeline

- May 15, 2001: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- May 15, 2001: Received in the House.
- May 15, 2001: Held at the desk.
- May 14, 2001: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S4896-4897; text: CR S4896-4897)
- May 14, 2001: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S4896-4897; text: CR S4896-4897)
- May 10, 2001: Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
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- May 10, 2001: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 37.
- Jan 22, 2001: Introduced in Senate
- Jan 22, 2001: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S314-315)
- Jan 22, 2001: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.