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Anti-Atrocity Alien Deportation Act of 2002

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]

Party: Democratic • State: VT • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]	D · MI		May 10, 2001
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [D-CT]	D · CT		May 10, 2001
Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]	D · WI		May 13, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Apr 25, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Anti-Atrocity Alien Deportation Act of 2002 - Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the inadmissibility and removability of aliens who have committed, ordered, assisted, incited, or otherwise participated in acts of torture (as defined in title 18, United States Code) or extrajudicial killings abroad (as defined in the Torture Victims Protection Act of 1991).

Redefines "genocide" for such purposes to cover an alien who has ordered, incited, assisted, or otherwise participated in conduct outside the United States that would, if committed in the United States or by a U.S. national, be genocide (as defined in title 18, United States Code).

(Sec. 3) Redefines "severe violations of religious freedom" with respect to the inadmissibility and removability of a foreign government official to cover an alien who, while serving as a foreign government official, was responsible for or directly carried out at any time severe violations of religious freedom (as defined in the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998). Eliminates the bar to the admission of such person's spouse or children.

(Sec. 4) Prohibits an alien who has engaged in Nazi persecution, genocide, acts of torture, extrajudicial killings, or severe violations of religious freedom from establishing good moral character under such Act.

(Sec. 5) Directs the Attorney General to establish within the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice (Department) an Office of Special Investigations to investigate and denaturalize an alien who has participated in Nazi persecution, genocide, torture, or extrajudicial killing abroad.

Authorizes the Attorney General to delegate to any office or component of the Department the responsibility for determining inadmissibility, deportation, removal, prosecution, or extradition of any alien who has participated in Nazi persecution, genocide, torture, or extrajudicial killing abroad.

States that in determining the proper legal action against such an alien, consideration shall be given to the availability of U.S. prosecution or removal to a foreign jurisdiction for prosecution.

Authorizes appropriations for the Department to ensure that the Office of Special Investigations fulfills its continuing obligations regarding Nazi war criminals.

(Sec. 6) Directs the Attorney General to report to the appropriate congressional committees regarding implementation of this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 7, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5252-5254)
- **Apr 25, 2002:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Leahy with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 107-144.
- **Apr 25, 2002:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Leahy with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 107-144.
- **Apr 25, 2002:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 356.
- **Apr 18, 2002:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **May 10, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 10, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4835-4840)
- **May 10, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4838)