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SJRES 1

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims.

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Jan 7, 2003

Current Status: Motion to proceed to consideration of measure withdrawn in Senate.

Latest Action: Motion to proceed to consideration of measure withdrawn in Senate. (Apr 20, 2004)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Kyl, Jon [R-AZ]

Party: Republican • State: AZ • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (26 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jan 7, 2003
Sen. Allard, Wayne [R-CO]	R · CO		Jan 28, 2003
Sen. Bayh, Evan [D-IN]	D · IN		Jan 28, 2003
Sen. Breaux, John B. [D-LA]	D · LA		Jan 28, 2003
Sen. Bunning, Jim [R-KY]	$R \cdot KY$		Jan 28, 2003
Sen. Craig, Larry E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Jan 28, 2003
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Jan 28, 2003
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Jan 28, 2003
Sen. Lott, Trent [R-MS]	$R \cdot MS$		Jan 28, 2003
Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]	$R \cdot AZ$		Jan 28, 2003
Sen. Miller, Zell [D-GA]	D · GA		Jan 28, 2003
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	$D \cdot OR$		Jan 28, 2003
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 4, 2003
Sen. Smith, Gordon H. [R-OR]	$R \cdot OR$		Feb 4, 2003
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	$R \cdot ME$		Mar 18, 2003
Sen. DeWine, Mike [R-OH]	$R \cdot OH$		Apr 3, 2003
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	$R \cdot SC$		Apr 3, 2003
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	$R \cdot ME$		Apr 3, 2003
Sen. Hagel, Chuck [R-NE]	$R \cdot NE$		Apr 7, 2003
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	$R \cdot OK$		Apr 7, 2003
Sen. Chambliss, Saxby [R-GA]	$R \cdot GA$		Apr 8, 2003
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	$R \cdot TX$		Apr 9, 2003
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	$R \cdot IA$		Apr 10, 2003
Sen. Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]	$R \cdot TX$		Apr 29, 2003
Sen. Stevens, Ted [R-AK]	$R \cdot AK$		Mar 2, 2004
Sen. Shelby, Richard C. [R-AL]	$R \cdot AL$		Apr 8, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported by	Jun 12, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Constitutional Amendment - Grants victims of violent crime the rights: (1) to reasonable and timely notice of any public proceeding involving the crime and of any release or escape of the accused; (2) to not be excluded from such public proceeding and reasonably to be heard at public release, plea, sentencing, reprieve, and pardon proceedings; and (3) to adjudicative decisions that consider the victim's safety, interest in avoiding unreasonable delay, and just and timely claims to restitution from the offender. Prohibits any restriction of such rights except as dictated by a substantial interest in public safety or the administration of criminal justice, or by compelling necessity.

Actions Timeline

- Apr 20, 2004: Motion to proceed to consideration of measure made in Senate. (consideration: CR S4150)
- Apr 20, 2004: Cloture motion to the measure presented in Senate.
- Apr 20, 2004: Motion to proceed to consideration of measure withdrawn in Senate.
- Nov 7, 2003: By Senator Hatch from Committee on the Judiciary filed written report. Report No. 108-191. Additional and Minority views filed.
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- Oct 27, 2003: Star Print ordered on the reported joint resolution.
- Sep 4, 2003: Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
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- Sep 4, 2003: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 271.
- Jul 31, 2003: Committee on the Judiciary. Committee consideration and Mark Up Session held.
- Jul 24, 2003: Committee on the Judiciary. Committee consideration and Mark Up Session held.
- Jun 12, 2003: Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights. Approved for full committee consideration without amendment favorably.
- Jun 10, 2003: Committee on the Judiciary referred to Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights.
- Apr 8, 2003: Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 108-189.
- Jan 7, 2003: Introduced in Senate
- Jan 7, 2003: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S82-83)
- Jan 7, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S83)