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Freedom From Union Violence Act of 2003

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Mar 3, 2004

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Mar 3, 2004)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Sessions, Jeff [R-AL]

Party: Republican • State: AL • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	$R \cdot WY$		Mar 3, 2004
Sen. Kyl, Jon [R-AZ]	$R \cdot AZ$		Mar 3, 2004
Sen. McConnell, Mitch [R-KY]	$R \cdot KY$		Mar 3, 2004
Sen. Nickles, Don [R-OK]	$R \cdot OK$		Mar 3, 2004
Sen. Lott, Trent [R-MS]	$R \cdot MS$		Jun 15, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 3, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 1870	Identical bill	May 5, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Summary (as of Mar 3, 2004)

Freedom From Union Violence Act of 2003 - Amends the Hobbs Act to authorize imposition of a fine of up to \$100,000, 20 years imprisonment, or both for: (1) obstructing, delaying, or affecting commerce or the movement of any article or commodity in commerce by robbery or extortion (or attempting or conspiring to do so); and (2) threatening physical violence to any person or property in furtherance of a plan or purpose to interfere with commerce by threats or violence.

Makes provisions regarding any such interference inapplicable to conduct that: (1) is incidental to otherwise peaceful picketing during the course of a labor dispute; (2) consists solely of minor bodily injury, or minor damage to property, or threat or fear of such minor injury or damage; and (3) is not part of a pattern of violent conduct or of coordinated violent activity. Subjects such conduct to prosecution only by the appropriate State and local authorities.

Actions Timeline

- Mar 3, 2004: Introduced in Senate
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