

## S 559

### Protection of Vulnerable Populations During Humanitarian Emergencies Act of 2005

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Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Apr 20, 2005
Sen. Hagel, Chuck [R-NE]	R · NE		Jun 6, 2005
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Jul 13, 2005
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Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Sep 29, 2005
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Sep 29, 2005
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Sep 29, 2005
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		May 22, 2006
Sen. Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]	D · ND		May 22, 2006
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		May 26, 2006
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Sep 25, 2006

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 26, 2006

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

International Affairs

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 1413	Related bill	Mar 17, 2005: Referred to the House Committee on International Relations.

**Protection of Vulnerable Populations During Humanitarian Emergencies Act of 2005 -Title I: Program and Policy**

**Coordination** - (Sec. 101) Directs the Secretary of State to develop a comprehensive strategy for the protection of vulnerable populations, especially women and children, who are affected by a humanitarian emergency.

(Sec. 102) Directs the Secretary to designate an individual within the Department of State or the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) as the Coordinator for such efforts.

**Title II: Prevention and Preparedness** - (Sec. 201) Directs the Coordinator to develop related reporting and monitoring systems.

(Sec. 202) Authorizes USAID to establish a fellowship program to increase USAID expertise in carrying out protective activities of vulnerable populations, especially women and children, affected by a humanitarian emergency.

**Title III: Protection of Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons** - (Sec. 301) Prohibits certain Department or USAID funds for refugees or internally displaced persons from being provided to a primary grantee or contractor unless the grantee or contractor has adopted a code of conduct that is consistent with the six core principles recommended by the United Nations Inter-Agency Standing Committee.

(Sec. 302) Directs the Coordinator to seek to provide health services to vulnerable populations, including: (1) responding to the consequences of sexual violence; (2) providing testing and treatment for HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases; (3) providing essential obstetric and prenatal care; and (4) developing a plan to integrate essential women's health services into the primary health care services provided during a humanitarian emergency.

(Sec. 303) Amends the Microenterprise for Self-Reliance Act of 2000 and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to seek to extend microcredit program availability to vulnerable populations, including women and displaced persons.

(Sec. 304) Amends the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to permit the President to furnish military education and training to military and related civilian personnel of foreign countries if it would improve the protection of civilians, especially women and children, including refugees or displaced persons.

(Sec. 305) Expresses the sense of Congress that the United Nations (U.N.) should strengthen the ability of its Department of Peacekeeping Operations to protect civilians, especially women and children, from sexual exploitation by peacekeeping personnel.

**Title IV: Protection of Vulnerable Populations Affected by a Humanitarian Emergency** - (Sec. 401) States that the U.S. Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank) should take steps to ensure that disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration programs provide benefits to former combatants that are comparable to the benefits provided by such programs to other individuals.

Directs the Secretary to report to the appropriate congressional committees on all Department or USAID programs to assist foreign countries with the enforcement of laws to protect women and children and improve accountability for sexual exploitation and abuse.

(Sec. 402) Amends the Foreign Assistance Act to authorize the President to use the authorities under such Act to provide assistance for programs to protect vulnerable populations during humanitarian emergencies.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 25, 2006:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Lugar with amendments. Without written report.
- **May 25, 2006:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Lugar with amendments. Without written report.
- **May 25, 2006:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 453.
- **May 23, 2006:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably.
- **Mar 8, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 8, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2259-2260)
- **Mar 8, 2005:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2260-2262)