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S 1703

Trafficking in Persons Accountability Act of 2008

Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Jun 27, 2007

Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. (Oct 2, 2008) **Official Text:** https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/senate-bill/1703

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]

Party: Democratic • State: IL • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Coburn, Tom [R-OK]	$R \cdot OK$		Jun 27, 2007
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jul 9, 2007
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	$D \cdot M D$		Sep 20, 2007

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 28, 2008
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 2, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Trafficking in Persons Accountability Act of 2008 - Amends the federal criminal code to grant U.S. courts additional extraterritorial jurisdiction over criminal offenses involving peonage, slavery, sales of persons into involuntary servitude, forced labor, trafficking in persons, and sex trafficking of children if: (1) the alleged offender is a national or permanent resident of the United States; or (2) the alleged offender is present in the United States, irrespective of the nationality of such offender.

Prohibits U.S. prosecution of an alleged trafficking offender who is prosecuted by a foreign government whose jurisdiction is recognized by the United States, except upon the approval of the Attorney General or the Deputy Attorney General.

Actions Timeline

- Oct 2, 2008: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- Oct 2, 2008: Received in the House.
- Oct 2, 2008: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- Oct 1, 2008: Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S10388-10390; text of measures as reported in Senate: CR S10389)
- Oct 1, 2008: The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Oct 1, 2008: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- Oct 1, 2008: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- Jul 28, 2008: Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Leahy with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- Jul 28, 2008: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 903.
- Sep 20, 2007: Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- Jun 27, 2007: Introduced in Senate
- Jun 27, 2007: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.