

HR 1746

Holocaust Insurance Accountability Act of 2008

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Rep. Israel, Steve [D-NY-2]	D · NY		Aug 1, 2007
Rep. Myrick, Sue Wilkins [R-NC-9]	R · NC		Aug 1, 2007
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Rep. Weiner, Anthony D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Sep 17, 2007
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-9]	R · FL		Oct 15, 2007
Rep. Diaz-Balart, Lincoln [R-FL-21]	R · FL		Oct 15, 2007
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Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Oct 23, 2007
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Nov 6, 2007
Rep. Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL-10]	R · IL		Nov 6, 2007
Rep. Ramstad, Jim [R-MN-3]	R · MN		Nov 6, 2007
Rep. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7]	R · TN		Dec 4, 2007
Rep. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Dec 4, 2007
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Dec 18, 2007
Rep. Shays, Christopher [R-CT-4]	R · CT		Feb 7, 2008

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Rep. Crowley, Joseph [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Apr 22, 2008
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		May 13, 2008
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Jul 14, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Reported By	Aug 1, 2008
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Oct 23, 2007
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 1, 2008
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 28, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Finance and Financial Sector

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Holocaust Insurance Accountability Act of 2008 - (Sec. 3) Requires insurers of Holocaust-era policies to: (1) respond within 90 days to written inquiries from eligible persons regarding such policies; (2) provide to such persons all information in the possession of such insurer regarding whether such person is a potential beneficiary; and (3) notify the Holocaust Claims Processing Office (HCPO) immediately in writing of the inquiry, with a copy of all acknowledgments and information provided to such eligible person.

Terminates such requirement 10 years after enactment of this Act.

Instructs the Secretary of State to: (1) seek to enter into an agreement with each European country with which no appropriate agreement exists to facilitate such response requirements; and (2) report annually to Congress on implementation of this Act.

(Sec. 4) Authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury (Secretary) to enter into an agreement with the HCPO to: (1) monitor compliance with requirements of this Act; (2) notify the Secretary of the identity of any insurer not complying with this Act within 30 days after the failure to comply; and (3) notify the certain congressional committees annually, including the Secretary and the Secretary of State, of the identity of each non-compliant insurer.

Provides for the transfer of specified funds to the HCPO to implement its monitoring functions.

(Sec. 5) Instructs the Secretary to assess a civil penalty of not less than \$5,000 for each day that an insurer fails to comply with the requirements of this Act.

Authorizes the Secretary to seek to attach a lien on any payment from a U.S. domiciliary subsidiary of any insurer based outside the United States from which the Secretary is unable to collect a penalty.

(Sec. 6) Sets forth a federal cause of action for any claim against an insurer arising out of or related to a covered policy.

(Sec. 7) Expresses the sense of Congress that claimants have the right to opt out of new or ongoing class action proceedings relating to claims based on Holocaust-era insurance policies.

(Sec. 8) Directs the Secretary to instruct the U.S. Executive Director at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development to use the voice and vote of the United States to create and advocate the policies of the Bank to encourage Eastern European countries to engage in and pursue restitution programs in compliance with this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 3, 2008:** House Committee on Foreign Affairs Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Jan. 3, 2009.
- **Oct 3, 2008:** House Committee on Oversight and Government Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Jan. 3, 2009.
- **Oct 3, 2008:** House Committee on Judiciary Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Jan. 3, 2009.
- **Oct 2, 2008:** House Committee on Foreign Affairs Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Oct. 3, 2008.
- **Oct 2, 2008:** House Committee on Oversight and Government Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Oct. 3, 2008.
- **Oct 2, 2008:** House Committee on Judiciary Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Oct. 3, 2008.
- **Sep 29, 2008:** House Committee on Foreign Affairs Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Oct. 2, 2008.
- **Sep 29, 2008:** House Committee on Oversight and Government Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Oct. 2, 2008.
- **Sep 29, 2008:** House Committee on Judiciary Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Oct. 2, 2008.
- **Sep 28, 2008:** House Committee on Foreign Affairs Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Sept. 29, 2008.
- **Sep 28, 2008:** House Committee on Oversight and Government Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Sept. 29, 2008.
- **Sep 28, 2008:** House Committee on Judiciary Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Sept. 29, 2008.
- **Sep 26, 2008:** House Committee on Foreign Affairs Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Sept. 28, 2008.
- **Sep 26, 2008:** House Committee on Oversight and Government Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Sept. 28, 2008.
- **Sep 26, 2008:** House Committee on Judiciary Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Sept. 28, 2008.
- **Aug 1, 2008:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Financial Services. H. Rept. 110-820, Part I.
- **Aug 1, 2008:** House Committee on Foreign Affairs Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Sept. 26, 2008.
- **Aug 1, 2008:** House Committee on Oversight and Government Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Sept. 26, 2008.
- **Aug 1, 2008:** Referred sequentially to the House Committee on the Judiciary for a period ending not later than Sept. 26, 2008 for consideration of such provisions of the bill and amendment as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(k), rule X.
- **Jun 25, 2008:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 25, 2008:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Feb 7, 2008:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **Oct 23, 2007:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 23, 2007:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 28, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 28, 2007:** Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.