

## HR 180

Darfur Accountability and Divestment Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (Aug 3, 2007)

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Aug 4, 2007
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 16, 2007
Financial Services Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Mar 20, 2007
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 20, 2007

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

International Affairs

#### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Darfur Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007 - (Sec. 3) Directs the Secretary of the Treasury to ensure the publication every six months in the Federal Register of a list of all persons (as defined by this Act) who have a direct investment in or are conducting business operations in Sudan's power production, mineral extraction, oil-related, or military equipment industries.

Sets forth excluded business operations, including operations with: (1) the regional government of southern Sudan; (2) marginalized populations of Sudan; and (3) peacekeeping or humanitarian organizations.

(Sec. 4) States that it is U.S. policy to support state and local efforts to divest funds from, or restrict investments in, companies that conduct business operations in Sudan.

Authorizes state or local government divestment in such companies.

(Sec. 5) Expresses the sense of Congress that a divestment measure authorized or a measure to prohibit state or local contracts would not violate the United States Constitution because such a measure: (1) is not pre-empted under the Supremacy Clause; (2) is authorized by the Congress as an appropriate measure with regard to interstate or foreign commerce; and (3) is authorized by the Congress as a measure that promotes U.S. foreign policy.

(Sec. 6) Amends the Investment Company Act of 1940 to provide a safe harbor from civil, criminal, or administrative action for a registered investment company and its officials and employees based upon the investment company's divesting from or not investing in a company that is on the list as provided for under section 3 this Act.

(Sec. 7) Amends the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide a safe harbor for employee benefit plan employees based upon the plan's divesting from or not investing in a company that is on such list.

(Sec. 8) Prohibits the U.S. government from contracting or renewing a contract for goods or services with a company that is on such list. Authorizes the President to waive such prohibition for national security reasons.

(Sec. 9) States that it is U.S. policy to support any state or local government decision to prohibit state or local government contracting for goods or services with a company that is on such list.

Authorizes a state or local government to prohibit such contracts.

(Sec. 10) Defines specified terms.

(Sec. 11) Expresses the sense of Congress that other governments should adopt measures similar to those contained in this Act to publicize the activities of persons and entities whose financial dealings enable the government of Sudan to commit genocide against people in the Darfur region and other regions of Sudan, and to authorize divestment from, and the avoidance of further investment in, such persons and entities.

(Sec. 12) Sets forth the conditions under which this Act shall terminate.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Aug 3, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
- **Aug 1, 2007:** Received in the Senate.
- **Jul 31, 2007:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H9210-9211)
- **Jul 31, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 418 - 1 (Roll no. 764).(text: CR H8843-8846)
- **Jul 31, 2007:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 31, 2007:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 418 - 1 (Roll no. 764). (text: CR H8843-8846)
- **Jul 30, 2007:** Mr. Frank (MA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 30, 2007:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR 7/31/2007 H8843-8855)
- **Jul 30, 2007:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 180.
- **Jul 30, 2007:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jul 26, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H8623)
- **Jul 26, 2007:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 26, 2007:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 20, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement.
- **Mar 20, 2007:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 16, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises.
- **Mar 16, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology.
- **Jan 4, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 4, 2007:** Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on 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.