

S 1845

Security from Political Interference in Justice Act of 2007

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Law

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]

Party: Democratic • State: RI • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jul 23, 2007
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Sep 20, 2007

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 23, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 3848	Related bill	Oct 16, 2007: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Security from Political Interference in Justice Act of 2007 - Defines "covered communication" as any communication relating to an ongoing Department of Justice (DOJ) civil or criminal investigation (regardless of whether a civil or criminal indictment or information has been filed). Excludes from such definition any communication relating to policy appointments, legislation, rulemaking, budgets, public relations, programmatic matters, intergovernmental relations, administrative or personnel matters, appellate litigation, or requests for legal advice.

Defines "covered Department of Justice officer" as the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, and the Associate Attorney General. Defines "covered White House officer" as the President, the Vice-President, the Counsel to the President, and the Counselor to the President.

Requires the Attorney General to submit semi-annual reports to the Judiciary Committees of Congress listing the name and title of each DOJ officer or employee who made a covered communication with any officer or employee of the Executive Office of the President in the previous six-month period. Requires the Counsel to the President to make the same semi-annual reports listing the name and title of each officer or employee of the Executive Office of the President who made a covered communication with any DOJ officer or employee. Allows the exclusion of covered DOJ and White House officers from such reports.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Oct 23, 2007:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Leahy with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. With written report No. 110-203. Minority views filed.
- **Oct 23, 2007:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 438.
- **Sep 20, 2007:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jul 25, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S9866-9867)
- **Jul 23, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 23, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.