

## S 185

Habeas Corpus Restoration Act of 2007

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 26, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 2826	Related bill	<b>Sep 6, 2007:</b> Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by the Yeas and Nays: 7 - 4 .
110 HR 267	Related bill	<b>Jun 28, 2007:</b> Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H7367)
110 HR 2543	Related bill	<b>Jun 25, 2007:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
110 HR 1189	Related bill	<b>Mar 19, 2007:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
110 HR 1416	Related bill	<b>Mar 19, 2007:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

## Summary (as of Jun 26, 2007)

**(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Habeas Corpus Restoration Act of 2007- Repeals provisions of the Military Commissions Act of 2006 that eliminated the jurisdiction of any court to hear or consider applications for a writ of habeas corpus filed by aliens who have been determined by the United States to have been properly detained as enemy combatants (or who are awaiting such determination) and actions against the United States relating to the detention of such aliens and to military commissions (thus restoring habeas corpus rights existing prior to the enactment of such Act).

Allows courts to hear or consider legal challenges to military commissions only as provided by the Code of Military Justice or by a habeas corpus proceeding.

## Actions Timeline

- **Jun 26, 2007:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Leahy without amendment. With written report No. 110-90. Additional and Minority views filed.
- **Jun 26, 2007:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 220.
- **Jun 7, 2007:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **May 22, 2007:** Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 110-145.
- **Jan 16, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S545-546)
- **Jan 4, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 4, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S179-180)
- **Jan 4, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S180)