

S 1927

Protect America Act of 2007

Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Aug 1, 2007

Current Status: Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held.

Latest Action: Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held. (Sep 25, 2007)

Law: 110-55 (Enacted Sep 25, 2007)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/senate-bill/1927>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. McConnell, Mitch [R-KY]

Party: Republican • **State:** KY • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bond, Christopher S. [R-MO]	R · MO		Aug 1, 2007

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Sep 25, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 2011	Related bill	Sep 25, 2007: Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held.
110 HR 3356	Related bill	Aug 3, 2007: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 218 - 207 (Roll no. 821). (text: CR H9685-9686)

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on August 3, 2007. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Protect America Act of 2007 - Amends the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (FISA) to state that nothing under its definition of "electronic surveillance" shall be construed to encompass surveillance directed at a person reasonably believed to be located outside the United States.

Allows the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) and the Attorney General (AG), for periods up to one year, to authorize the acquisition of foreign intelligence information concerning persons outside the United States if the DNI and AG determine that: (1) there are reasonable procedures in place for determining that such acquisition concerns persons outside the United States, and such procedures will be subject to review by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (Court); (2) the acquisition does not constitute electronic surveillance; (3) the acquisition involves obtaining foreign intelligence information from or with the assistance of a communication service provider or other person who has access to communications; (4) a significant purpose of the acquisition is to obtain foreign intelligence information; and (5) the minimization procedures (procedures to ensure the smallest level of privacy intrusion while obtaining such information) to be used meet the definition of minimization procedures under FISA. Requires such determination to be certified and submitted to the Court.

Requires the AG to report to: (1) the Court the procedures by which the government determines that such acquisitions do not constitute electronic surveillance; and (2) the congressional intelligence and judiciary committees semiannually concerning acquisitions made during the previous six-month period.

Terminates this Act 180 days after its enactment. Makes authorizations for the acquisition of information made by this Act, and directives issued pursuant to such authorizations, effective until their expiration.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 25, 2007:** Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held.
- **Aug 5, 2007:** Presented to President.
- **Aug 5, 2007:** Signed by President.
- **Aug 5, 2007:** Became Public Law No: 110-55.
- **Aug 4, 2007:** Received in the House.
- **Aug 4, 2007:** Held at the desk.
- **Aug 4, 2007:** Consideration initiated pursuant to a previous order. (consideration: CR H9952-9966)
- **Aug 4, 2007:** Considered pursuant to a previous order.
- **Aug 4, 2007:** DEBATE - Pursuant to a previous special order, the House proceeded with one hour of debate on S. 1927.
- **Aug 4, 2007:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to a previous order of the House. (consideration: CR H9965)
- **Aug 4, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 227 - 183 (Roll no. 836). (text: CR H9953-9954)
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- **Aug 4, 2007:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Aug 4, 2007:** Cleared for White House.
- **Aug 3, 2007:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S10861-10872)
- **Aug 3, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 60 - 28. Record Vote Number: 309. (text: CR S10871-10872)
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- **Aug 3, 2007:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Aug 2, 2007:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 324.
- **Aug 1, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Aug 1, 2007:** Introduced in the Senate. Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.