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Justice for Victims of State Sponsored Terrorism Act

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Sen. Ensign, John [R-NV]	R · NV		Nov 13, 2007
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Aug 2, 2007

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 1585	Related bill	Jan 15, 2008: On motion to refer the bill and the accompanying veto message to the Committee on Armed Services. Agreed to by voice vote.

Summary (as of Aug 2, 2007)

Justice for Victims of State Sponsored Terrorism Act - Amends the federal judicial code to expand the rights of victims of state-sponsored terrorism by: (1) denying foreign states that support terrorism immunity from the jurisdiction of U.S. courts for cases involving personal injury or death related to the terrorist activities of its officials, employees, or agents; (2) allowing certain nationals of the United States, members of the Armed Forces, and federal employees or contractors a private cause of action against a foreign state designated as a state sponsor of terrorism; (3) making foreign states vicariously liable for the actions of their officials, employees, or agents; (4) limiting appeals in cases against foreign states involving terrorist-related injuries; and (5) establishing a pending lien against property of a foreign state sponsor of terrorism upon the initiation of legal action in the United States against such state.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 2, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
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