

HR 1955

Violent Radicalization and Homegrown Terrorism Prevention Act of 2007

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 24, 2007
Homeland Security Committee	House	Reported by	Jul 17, 2007
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 25, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 1959	Related bill	Aug 2, 2007: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Summary (as of Oct 23, 2007)

Violent Radicalization and Homegrown Terrorism Prevention Act of 2007 - Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to add a new section concerning the prevention of violent radicalization (an extremist belief system for facilitating ideologically based violence to advance political, religious, or social change) and homegrown terrorism (violence by a group or individual within the United States to coerce the U.S. government, the civilian population, or a segment thereof in furtherance of political or social objectives).

Establishes within the legislative branch the National Commission on the Prevention of Violent Radicalization and Homegrown Terrorism to: (1) examine and report on facts and causes of violent radicalization, homegrown terrorism, and ideologically based violence in the United States; and (2) build upon, bring together, and avoid unnecessary duplication of related work done by other entities toward such goal. Requires: (1) interim reports and a final report from the Commission to the President and Congress on its findings and recommendations; (2) the public availability of such reports; and (3) Commission termination 30 days after its final report.

Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish or designate a university-based Center of Excellence for the Study of Violent Radicalization and Homegrown Terrorism in the United States to assist federal, state, local, and tribal homeland security officials, through training, education, and research, in preventing violent radicalization and homegrown terrorism in the United States. Requires the Secretary to: (1) conduct a survey of methodologies implemented by foreign nations to prevent violent radicalization and homegrown terrorism; and (2) report to Congress on lessons learned from survey results.

Prohibits Department of Homeland Security (DHS) efforts to prevent ideologically based violence and homegrown terrorism from violating the constitutional and civil rights or civil liberties of U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents. Directs the: (1) Secretary to ensure that activities and operations are in compliance with DHS's commitment to racial neutrality; and (2) DHS Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Officer to develop and implement an auditing system to ensure that compliance does not violate the constitutional and civil rights or civil liberties of any racial, ethnic, or religious group, and to include audit results in its annual report to Congress.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 24, 2007:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Oct 23, 2007:** Mr. Thompson (MS) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Oct 23, 2007:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H11854-11862)
- **Oct 23, 2007:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1955.
- **Oct 23, 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.
- **Oct 23, 2007:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H11899-11900)
- **Oct 23, 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): 404 - 6 (Roll no. 993).(text: CR H11854-11857)
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- **Oct 23, 2007:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 16, 2007:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Homeland Security. H. Rept. 110-384, Part I.
- **Oct 16, 2007:** Committee on Judiciary discharged.
- **Oct 16, 2007:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 239.
- **Aug 1, 2007:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Aug 1, 2007:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 17, 2007:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jul 17, 2007:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 17, 2007:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Jun 25, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property.
- **May 7, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment.
- **Apr 19, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 19, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E803)
- **Apr 19, 2007:** Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.