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Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Sep 5, 2007
Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Sep 5, 2007

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Jul 18, 2007
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 3, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 2228	Related bill	May 9, 2007: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Ethiopia Democracy and Accountability Act of 2007 - (Sec. 2) States that is U.S. policy to: (1) support human rights, democracy, independence of the judiciary, freedom of the press, peacekeeping capacity building, and economic development in the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia; (2) collaborate with Ethiopia in the Global War on Terror; (3) seek the release of all political prisoners and prisoners of conscience in Ethiopia; (4) foster stability, democracy, and economic development in the region; (5) support humanitarian assistance efforts, especially in the Ogaden region; and (6) strengthen U.S.-Ethiopian relations.

(Sec. 3) Directs the Secretary of State to take specified actions to support human rights and democratization in Ethiopia.

(Sec. 5) Prohibits until the President makes specified congressional certifications: (1) security assistance to Ethiopia, with exceptions for peacekeeping, military education and training for civilian personnel, or counter-terrorism assistance; and (2) U.S. entry of any Ethiopian official involved in giving orders to use lethal force against peaceful demonstrators or accused of gross human rights violations, and government security personnel involved in specified shootings of demonstrators or prisoners, or murdering Etenesh Yemam. Authorizes the President, after congressional notification, to waive such prohibitions for national security purposes.

Directs the President, the Secretary, and other relevant U.S. government officials to call upon the government of Ethiopia to: (1) release all remaining political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, especially prisoners held without charge; and (2) allow full access to the Ogaden region by humanitarian aid organizations and international human rights investigators.

Directs the President to provide assistance for the rehabilitation of Ethiopian torture victims.

Expresses the sense of Congress that the U.S. government should: (1) encourage the government of Ethiopia to enter into discussions with peaceful political groups to bring them into full participation in Ethiopia's political and economic affairs; and (2) provide necessary assistance to help achieve such goal.

(Sec. 6) Directs the President to provide Ethiopia with assistance to: (1) develop Ethiopia's Nile and Awash River resources, including assistance for the construction of irrigation systems and hydroelectric power that might prevent future famine; and (2) support hospitals, clinics, and health care centers, especially in rural areas.

(Sec. 7) Directs the President to report to Congress respecting implementation of this Act.

(Sec. 8) Authorizes FY2008-FY2009 appropriations.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 3, 2007:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Oct 2, 2007:** Mr. Payne moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Oct 2, 2007:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H11099-11103)
- **Oct 2, 2007:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2003.
- **Oct 2, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H11099-11100)
- **Oct 2, 2007:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H11099-11100)
- **Oct 2, 2007:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 26, 2007:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 26, 2007:** Committee Agreed to Seek Consideration Under Suspension of the Rules, (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 18, 2007:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 18, 2007:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Jul 11, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health.
- **Jun 25, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1403-1405)
- **Apr 23, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 23, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.