

HR 2553

Public Diplomacy Resource Centers Act of 2008

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	May 24, 2007
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Public Diplomacy Resource Centers Act of 2008 - Amends the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to direct the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy to provide for the establishment of new, and maintenance of existing, libraries and resource centers at or in connection with U.S. diplomatic or consular missions.

Directs the Secretary of State to: (1) ensure that such libraries and resource centers are open to the general public to the greatest extent practicable, subject to security considerations; and (2) schedule public showings of American films that showcase American culture, society, values, and history.

Directs the Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy to report to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations respecting the functions and effectiveness of such libraries and resource centers.

Authorizes appropriations.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 12, 2008:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Biden with amendments. With written report No. 110-459.
- **Sep 12, 2008:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 958.
- **Jun 24, 2008:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably.
- **Oct 15, 2007:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Oct 9, 2007:** Ms. Watson moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Oct 9, 2007:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H11346-11347)
- **Oct 9, 2007:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2553.
- **Oct 9, 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 H11346)
- **Oct 9, 2007:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H11346)
- **Oct 9, 2007:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 24, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **May 24, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.