

HR 2631

Nuclear Forensics and Attribution Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Discharged From	Jun 11, 2008
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 25, 2008
Homeland Security Committee	House	Reported by	Oct 31, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Expresses the sense of Congress that the President should: (1) pursue international agreements to establish an international framework for determining the source of any confiscated nuclear or radiological material or weapon and the source of any detonated weapon and the nuclear or radiological material used in such a weapon; (2) develop protocols for the data exchange and dissemination of sensitive information relating to nuclear or radiological materials; and (3) develop expedited protocols for the data exchange and dissemination of sensitive information needed to publicly identify the source of a nuclear detonation.

Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to include within the mission of the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office to: (1) develop and implement a National Strategy and Five-Year Implementation Plan for Improving the Nuclear Forensic and Attribution Capabilities of the United States Government (Plan) and methods, capabilities, and capacity for nuclear materials forensics and attribution; (2) establish within the Office a National Technical Nuclear Forensics Center to provide centralized stewardship, planning, assessment, gap analysis, exercises, improvement, and integration for all federal nuclear forensics and attribution activities and to coordinate and implement the Plan; and (3) establish a National Nuclear Forensics Expertise Development Program devoted to developing and maintaining a vibrant and enduring academic pathway from undergraduate to post-doctorate study in nuclear and geochemical science specialties directly relevant to technical nuclear forensics.

Requires the Director of the Office and each of the relevant departments that are partners in the National Technical Forensics Center to report annually to Congress and the President on: (1) each relevant agency's activities and investments in support of nuclear forensics and attribution activities; (2) the most current version of the Plan; and (3) funds allocated for authorized activities that are not spent.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 27, 2008:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 26, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S9852-9853; text as passed Senate: CR S9852-9853)
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- **Sep 25, 2008:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Lieberman with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Sep 25, 2008:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 1086.
- **Sep 23, 2008:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jun 19, 2008:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Jun 18, 2008:** Mr. Thompson (MS) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jun 18, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5513-5517)
- **Jun 18, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2631.
- **Jun 18, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5513-5514)
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- **Jun 18, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 18, 2008:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 11, 2008:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Homeland Security. H. Rept. 110-708, Part I.
- **Jun 11, 2008:** Committee on Foreign Affairs discharged.
- **Jun 11, 2008:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 449.
- **May 20, 2008:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 20, 2008:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Oct 31, 2007:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 31, 2007:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Oct 10, 2007:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jun 18, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology.
- **Jun 7, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 7, 2007:** Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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.