

HR 2740

MEJA Expansion and Enforcement Act of 2007

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Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: NC • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Jun 20, 2007
Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Jun 20, 2007
Rep. Woolsey, Lynn C. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Jun 20, 2007
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Jun 26, 2007
Rep. Hall, John J. [D-NY-19]	D · NY		Jun 26, 2007
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Jun 26, 2007
Rep. Stark, Fortney Pete [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Jun 26, 2007
Rep. Brady, Robert A. [D-PA-1]	D · PA		Jun 27, 2007
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Jul 12, 2007
Rep. Spratt, John M., Jr. [D-SC-5]	D · SC		Jul 12, 2007
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Jul 24, 2007
Rep. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Jul 31, 2007
Rep. Bishop, Timothy H. [D-NY-1]	D · NY		Sep 27, 2007
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Sep 27, 2007
Rep. Ellison, Keith [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Sep 27, 2007

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported by	Jul 24, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 2147	Related bill	Oct 4, 2007: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
110 HRES 702	Procedurally related	Oct 3, 2007: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
110 S 674	Related bill	Oct 1, 2007: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S12354-12355)
110 HR 369	Related bill	Jun 19, 2007: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

Summary (as of Oct 4, 2007)

MEJA Expansion and Enforcement Act of 2007 - Provides that persons who, while employed under a federal agency contract in, or in close proximity to, an area where the Armed Forces are conducting a contingency operation, engage in conduct that would constitute an offense punishable by imprisonment for more than one year if engaged in within U.S. jurisdiction, shall be punished as provided for that offense.

Requires the Inspector General of the Department of Justice (DOJ) to report to Congress on: (1) the status of DOJ's investigations of alleged violations committed by contract personnel; (2) findings and recommendations about the number of criminal cases prosecuted by DOJ involving such violations; and (3) with respect to covered contracts where the work is carried out in Iraq or Afghanistan, a list of each charge brought against contractors or contract personnel and a description of any legal actions taken by the United States as a result of such a criminal charge or a complaint.

Requires the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to ensure that there are adequate personnel, through the creation of Theater Investigative Units, to investigate allegations of such criminal violations by contract personnel. Requires such a Unit to refer a case, if appropriate, to the Attorney General for further action. Requires the Director to request security assistance from the Secretary of Defense in any case in which a Unit does not have the resources or is otherwise unable to provide adequate security to ensure its safety. Authorizes the Attorney General to request assistance from the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Homeland Security, or the head of any other agency, including the assignment of additional personnel and resources to a Unit.

Requires the Director to report annually to Congress on the number of reports received by Units relating to suspected criminal misconduct by contractors or to fatalities resulting from the use of force by contractors, the number of cases referred by the Units to the Attorney General for further investigation or action, and any recommended changes to federal law that the Director considers necessary to perform the duties of the Director under this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 15, 2007:** Star Print ordered on the bill.
- **Oct 5, 2007:** Read the second time. Ordered Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 413.
- **Oct 4, 2007:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H11261-11267)
- **Oct 4, 2007:** The House resolved into Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration.
- **Oct 4, 2007:** The Committee of the Whole adopted the amendment in the nature of a substitute as amended.
- **Oct 4, 2007:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 2740.
- **Oct 4, 2007:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR H11261)
- **Oct 4, 2007:** The House adopted the amendment in the nature of a substitute as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.
- **Oct 4, 2007:** Mr. Forbes moved to recommit with instructions to Judiciary. (consideration: CR H11262-11266; text: CR H11262)
- **Oct 4, 2007:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Forbes motion to recommit with instructions on H.R. 2740. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the bill to be reported back to the House with an amendment to not affect intelligence activities that are otherwise permissible prior to the enactment of this Act.
- **Oct 4, 2007:** The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered without objection. (consideration: CR H11266)
- **Oct 4, 2007:** On motion to recommit with instructions Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 342 - 75 (Roll no. 939). (consideration: CR H11266)
- **Oct 4, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 389 - 30 (Roll no. 940).
- **Oct 4, 2007:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 389 - 30 (Roll no. 940).
- **Oct 4, 2007:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 4, 2007:** Received in the Senate. Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.
- **Oct 3, 2007:** Rule H. Res. 702 passed House.
- **Oct 3, 2007:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 702. (consideration: CR H11214-11226; text of measure as reported in House: CR H11222)
- **Oct 3, 2007:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2740 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill.
- **Oct 3, 2007:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 702 and Rule XVIII.
- **Oct 3, 2007:** The Speaker designated the Honorable Ellen O. Tauscher to act as Chairwoman of the Committee.
- **Oct 3, 2007:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 2740.
- **Oct 3, 2007:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 702, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Conyers amendment.
- **Oct 3, 2007:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 702, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Schakowsky amendment.
- **Oct 3, 2007:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 702, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Hill (IN) amendment.
- **Oct 3, 2007:** Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union rises leaving H.R. 2740 as unfinished business.
- **Oct 2, 2007:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 702 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2740 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill.
- **Sep 27, 2007:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 110-352.

Sep 27, 2007: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 217.

- **Aug 2, 2007:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Aug 2, 2007:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 24, 2007:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 24, 2007:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Jul 16, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Jun 15, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 15, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.