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Enhanced Partnership with Pakistan Act of 2008

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Committee Activity

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(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

Enhanced Partnership with Pakistan Act of 2008 - (Sec. 3) Defines specified terms.

(Sec. 4) States that it is U.S. policy to: (1) support the consolidation of democracy in Pakistan; (2) build a long-term relationship with Pakistan; (3) further the economic development of Pakistan by expanding bilateral engagement with the government of Pakistan; (4) work with Pakistan and the countries bordering Pakistan to facilitate regional peace; (5) work with the government of Pakistan to prevent Pakistani territory from being used as a base or conduit for terrorist attacks; and (6) expand people-to-people engagement between the United States and Pakistan through increased educational, technical, and cultural exchanges.

(Sec. 5) Authorizes FY2009-FY2013 appropriations for assistance to Pakistan under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 for projects to benefit the people of Pakistan, including projects that promote: (1) democratic governance; (2) economic freedom and growth; and (3) investments in people, and particularly, women and children.

Encourages the utilization of Pakistani firms and community and local nongovernmental organizations in Pakistan to provide such assistance.

Authorizes the use of funds for operational and audit expenses.

Sets forth notification and reporting requirements.

(Sec. 6) Limits certain military assistance (as of FY2010) and arms transfers (as of FY2012) to Pakistan until the Secretary of State certifies that Pakistan's security forces: (1) are making concerted efforts to prevent al Qaeda and the Taliban from operating in Pakistan's territory; and (2) are not materially interfering in Pakistan's political or judicial processes.

(Sec. 7) Expresses the sense of Congress that: (1) coalition support funds are critical components of the global fight against terrorism and the primary support for military operations of the government of Pakistan to destroy the terrorist threat and close terrorist safe havens; (2) the Pakistan reimbursement claims process for coalition support funds requires increased oversight and accountability; and (3) more specific guidance should be generated for officials associated with counterterrorism program oversight within the U.S. Embassy in Pakistan, the United States Central Command, the Department of Defense (DOD), the Department of State, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

(Sec. 8) Directs the Secretary of State to develop a comprehensive, cross-border strategy for working with the government of Pakistan, the government of Afghanistan, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), and other allies to implement effective counterterrorism and counterinsurgency measures along the border areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 26, 2008:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Dodd without amendment. With written report No. 110-510.
 - **Sep 26, 2008:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 1093.
 - **Jul 29, 2008:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
 - **Jul 15, 2008:** Introduced in Senate
 - **Jul 15, 2008:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
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