

## S 3370

Libyan Claims Resolution Act

**Congress:** 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

**Introduced:** Jul 31, 2008

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**Law:** 110-301 (Enacted Aug 4, 2008)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/senate-bill/3370>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Biden, Joseph R., Jr. [D-DE]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** DE • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (6 total)

| Cosponsor                        | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|----------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ] | D · NJ        |      | Jul 31, 2008 |
| Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]    | D · VT        |      | Jul 31, 2008 |
| Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]          | D · MI        |      | Jul 31, 2008 |
| Sen. Lugar, Richard G. [R-IN]    | R · IN        |      | Jul 31, 2008 |
| Sen. Voinovich, George V. [R-OH] | R · OH        |      | Jul 31, 2008 |
| Sen. Warner, John [R-VA]         | R · VA        |      | Jul 31, 2008 |

### Committee Activity

*No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.*

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

International Affairs

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Libyan Claims Resolution Act - States that Congress supports the President's efforts to provide fair compensation to all U.S. nationals who have terrorism-related claims against Libya as part of the process of restoring normal U.S.-Libya relations.

Defines "claims agreement" as a binding international agreement between the United States and Libya that provides for the settlement of terrorism-related claims of U.S. nationals against Libya through fair compensation

Authorizes the Secretary of State, after consultation with the appropriate congressional committees, to designate one or more entities to assist in providing compensation to U.S. nationals pursuant to a claims agreement.

States that: (1) upon such designation property that relates to the claims agreement and that is held by or transferred to or from a designated entity shall be immune from attachment or any other judicial process; (2) such entity and any person acting through or on its behalf shall not be liable in any federal or state court for any action taken to implement a claims agreement; and (3) such entity shall not be subject to the Government Corporation Control Act.

Exempts Libya (and related instrumentalities and individuals) from specified property liens and attachments, limitations on foreign jurisdictional immunity, and private rights of action if the Secretary certifies to the appropriate congressional committees that the U.S. government has received sufficient funds pursuant to the claims agreement to ensure: (1) payment of specified settlements to the Pan Am 103 victims' families, the LaBelle Disco bombing victims, and other relevant terrorism cases; and (2) fair compensation of specified claims by U.S. nationals against Libya for wrongful death or physical injury in cases pending on the date of enactment of this Act. (Applies such provisions only to conduct or events occurring before June 30, 2006.)

States that the designation and certification authorities under this Act: (1) are within the Secretary's sole discretion and may not be delegated; and (2) are not subject to judicial review.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **Aug 4, 2008:** Signed by President.
- **Aug 4, 2008:** Became Public Law No: 110-301.
- **Aug 1, 2008:** Presented to President.
- **Jul 31, 2008:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 31, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S7979-7981; text as passed Senate: CR S7980-7981)
- **Jul 31, 2008:** Introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7979-7981; text as passed Senate: CR S7980-7981)
- **Jul 31, 2008:** Received in the House.
- **Jul 31, 2008:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 31, 2008:** Held at the desk.
- **Jul 31, 2008:** Considered by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7705-7706)
- **Jul 31, 2008:** Mr. Conyers asked unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table and consider.
- **Jul 31, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.(text: CR H7705-7706)
- **Jul 31, 2008:** On passage Passed without objection. (text: CR H7705-7706)
- **Jul 31, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 31, 2008:** Cleared for White House.