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National Guard Empowerment Act of 2007

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Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Mar 7, 2007
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Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 9, 2007
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Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 7, 2007
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Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Feb 12, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 30, 2007
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Apr 24, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 718	Identical bill	Feb 26, 2007: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

National Guard Empowerment Act of 2007 - Expands the: (1) authority of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau (Bureau) to include membership on the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) (and raises the grade of the Chief from lieutenant general to general); and (2) functions of the Bureau to include facilitating and coordinating, with other federal agencies and the states, the use of Guard personnel and resources for, and in, contingency operations, military operations other than war, natural disasters, and support of civil authorities.

Directs the Chief to: (1) identify gaps between federal and state capabilities to prepare for and respond to emergencies; and (2) make recommendations to the Secretary of Defense on Guard programs and activities to address such gaps.

Requires annual Department of Defense (DOD) budget justification documents to include separate amounts for Guard training and equipment for military assistance to civil authorities and other domestic operations.

Expresses the sense of Congress calling for consideration of eligible reserve officers for promotion to the grades of lieutenant general or vice admiral on the active duty list.

Treats service as a Bureau adjutant general as joint duty experience.

Requires the position of Deputy Commander of the U.S. Northern Command to be filled by a qualified Guard officer eligible for promotion to the grade of lieutenant general.

Requires an annual plan for the use of the Armed Forces and National Guard for responding to disasters and acts of terrorism.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 24, 2007:** Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held.
- **Jan 30, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 30, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1302-1305)
- **Jan 30, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.