

## HR 4881

### Contracting and Tax Accountability Act of 2008

**Congress:** 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** Dec 19, 2007

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Government

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (Apr 15, 2008)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/house-bill/4881>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Ellsworth, Brad [D-IN-8]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** IN • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Dec 19, 2007

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 15, 2008
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Reported by	Mar 11, 2008

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 2519	Related bill	Dec 19, 2007: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

**(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on April 10, 2008. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Contracting and Tax Accountability Act of 2008 - Establishes a policy that no U.S. government contracts or grants should be awarded to individuals or companies with seriously delinquent tax debts.

Requires a person who has such a debt to be proposed for debarment from any federal government contract unless such requirement is waived by a federal agency head.

Requires an agency head that issues an invitation for bids or a request for proposals for a contract in an amount greater than the simplified acquisition threshold to require prospective contractors to: (1) certify that they do not have such a debt; and (2) authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to disclose information describing whether they have such a debt. Exempts contracts designated by agency heads as assisting the agency in the performance of disaster relief authorities or as necessary to national security.

Prohibits the head of an agency offering a grant exceeding such threshold from awarding it to a person who does not submit such certification and authorization. Requires the Federal Acquisition Regulation and regulations governing grants to be revised to require such certification and authorization.

Defines "seriously delinquent tax debt" as an outstanding tax debt for which a notice of lien has been filed in public records. Excludes a tax debt: (1) that is being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an installment agreement; or (2) for which a collection due process hearing, or for which relief from liability for a tax deficiency applicable to joint filers, is requested or pending.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 15, 2008:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Apr 14, 2008:** Mr. Braley (IA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Apr 14, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2234-2237)
- **Apr 14, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4881.
- **Apr 14, 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 H2234-2235)
- **Apr 14, 2008:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2234-2235)
- **Apr 14, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 10, 2008:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Oversight and Government. H. Rept. 110-578.
- **Apr 10, 2008:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 356.
- **Mar 13, 2008:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 13, 2008:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 11, 2008:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 11, 2008:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Jan 16, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement.
- **Dec 19, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 19, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.