

HR 5690

To remove the African National Congress from treatment as a terrorist organization for certain acts or events, provide relief for certain members of the African National Congress regarding admissibility, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

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Sponsor

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Rep. Payne, Donald M. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Apr 3, 2008
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Apr 3, 2008
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Apr 8, 2008
Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Apr 29, 2008
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Apr 29, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Discharged From	May 6, 2008
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged from	Apr 29, 2008
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 26, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 2979	Related bill	Jun 26, 2008: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 850.

Amends the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008 to state that for purposes of alien inadmissibility based upon terrorist-related grounds the African National Congress (ANC) shall not be considered to be a terrorist organization on the basis of any act or event that occurred before the date of enactment of such Act.

Authorizes the Secretary of State (after consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of Homeland Security) or the Secretary of Homeland Security (after consultation with the Secretary of State and the Attorney General) to determine, in such Secretary's sole and unreviewable discretion, that inadmissibility based upon specified criminal convictions or terrorist activities shall not apply to an alien with respect to activities undertaken in opposition to apartheid rule in South Africa.

Expresses the sense of Congress that the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Homeland Security should exercise such authority in appropriate instances to exempt the anti-apartheid activities of aliens who are current or former officials of the government of the Republic of South Africa.

Directs the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Attorney General, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Director of National Intelligence, to ensure that databases used to determine U.S. admissibility are appropriately updated.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 1, 2008:** Signed by President.
- **Jul 1, 2008:** Became Public Law No: 110-257.
- **Jun 27, 2008:** Presented to President.
- **Jun 26, 2008:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Jun 26, 2008:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Leahy with an amendment. Without written report.
- **Jun 26, 2008:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 852.
- **Jun 26, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: S6231-6232)
- **Jun 26, 2008:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: S6231-6232)
- **Jun 26, 2008:** Ms. Lee asked unanimous consent that the House agree to the Senate amendment. (consideration: CR H6171-6172)
- **Jun 26, 2008:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection.(text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR H6171)
- **Jun 26, 2008:** On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection. (text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR H6171)
- **Jun 26, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 26, 2008:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 26, 2008:** Cleared for White House.
- **May 12, 2008:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **May 8, 2008:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H3203)
- **May 8, 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 5/6/2008 H3078-3079)
- **May 8, 2008:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR 5/6/2008 H3078-3079)
- **May 8, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 8, 2008:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **May 6, 2008:** Mr. Conyers moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 6, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3078-3083)
- **May 6, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5690.
- **May 6, 2008:** At the conclusion of debate, the chair put the question on the motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Frelinghuysen objected to the vote on the grounds that a quorum was not present. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. The point of no quorum was withdrawn.
- **May 5, 2008:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 110-620, Part I.
- **May 5, 2008:** Committee on Foreign Affairs discharged.
- **May 5, 2008:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 387.
- **Apr 30, 2008:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 30, 2008:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 29, 2008:** Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law Discharged.
- **Apr 14, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law.
- **Apr 3, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 3, 2008:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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