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Restoring the Constitution Act of 2007

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Sponsor

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Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 13, 2007
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Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Mar 26, 2007
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 28, 2007
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Apr 10, 2007
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 14, 2007
Sen. Obama, Barack [D-IL]	D · IL		Aug 3, 2007

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 13, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 1415	Related bill	Apr 20, 2007: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

Restoring the Constitution Act of 2007 - Amends federal provisions concerning the prosecution of unlawful enemy combatants by U.S. military commissions to, among other things: (1) repeal the authority for civilian trial (prosecution) counsel in a commission proceeding, but authorize civilian military defense counsel; (2) exclude statements made by coercion; (3) authorize the Secretary of Defense to make exceptions to commission procedures and rules of evidence as required by unique circumstances of military or intelligence operations during hostilities; (4) provide for self-representation by the accused, while requiring assistance by military defense counsel; (5) authorize the military judge to order trial counsel to disclose to defense counsel the sources, methods, or activities in which witnesses or evidence against the accused was obtained; (6) require commission decision review by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces rather than by the Court of Military Commission Review; (7) provide the scope of review of detention-related decisions; (8) repeal a provision of the Military Commissions Act of 2006 prohibiting invoking the Geneva Conventions (Conventions) or similar protocols in any habeas corpus or other action to which the United States is a party; (9) require the President to notify other parties to the Conventions that the United States expects members of U.S. Armed Forces and other U.S. citizens detained in a conflict not of an international character to be treated in a manner consistent with the Conventions; (10) include as War Crime offenses the denial of trial rights and the imposition of cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment; (11) restore habeas corpus for individuals detained by the United States; and (12) provide for expedited judicial review of civil actions that challenges any provision of the Military Commissions Act of 2006.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 17, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S11563)
- **Feb 13, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 13, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1918-1919)
- **Feb 13, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.