

HR 5970

Belarus Democracy Reauthorization Act of 2008

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Policy Area: International Affairs

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	May 6, 2008
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	May 6, 2008
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 3, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Belarus Democracy Reauthorization Act of 2008 - Amends the Belarus Democracy Act of 2004 to authorize assistance to promote democracy and civil society in Belarus.

Includes Internet broadcasting within the scope of increased support and funding for U.S. government and surrogate broadcasting to Belarus. Specifies that funding may be used for broadcasting by Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, the Voice of America, and European Radio for Belarus and Belsat.

Includes cessation of repression against student activists and ethnic minorities among the criteria that the government of Belarus must meet in order to end U.S. sanctions under such Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 3, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law.
- **May 6, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **May 6, 2008:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Financial Services, 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.