

S 863

Emergency and Disaster Assistance Fraud Penalty Enhancement Act of 2007

Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Mar 13, 2007

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 110-179.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 110-179. (Jan 7, 2008)

Law: 110-179 (Enacted Jan 7, 2008)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/senate-bill/863>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Sessions, Jeff [R-AL]

Party: Republican • **State:** AL • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Mar 13, 2007
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Mar 13, 2007
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Mar 13, 2007
Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA]	R · LA		Mar 13, 2007
Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Mar 27, 2007

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 22, 2007
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 5, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 846	Related bill	Mar 1, 2007: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the Senate reported version is repeated here.)

Emergency and Disaster Assistance Fraud Penalty Enhancement Act of 2007 - Amends the federal criminal code to impose a fine and/or prison term of up to 30 years for: (1) knowingly falsifying, concealing, or covering up by any trick, scheme, or device any material fact; or (2) making any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation, or making or using any false writing or document in any matter involving any benefit authorized, transported, transmitted, transferred, disbursed, or paid in connection with a major disaster or emergency declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, or in connection with the procurement of property or services by a contractor, subcontractor, or supplier during a major disaster or emergency declaration.

Imposes a maximum fine of \$1 million and/or prison term of 30 years for engaging in wire, radio, television, or mail fraud during a presidentially declared major disaster or emergency.

Directs the U.S. Sentencing Commission to: (1) promulgate sentencing guidelines or amend existing guidelines to provide for increased penalties for persons convicted of fraud or theft offenses in connection with a major disaster or emergency declaration; and (2) submit to the House and Senate Judiciary Committees an explanation of its guidelines and additional recommendations for combating such fraud or theft offenses.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 7, 2008:** Signed by President.
- **Jan 7, 2008:** Became Public Law No: 110-179.
- **Dec 27, 2007:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 19, 2007:** Mr. Conyers moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Dec 19, 2007:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H16864-16866)
- **Dec 19, 2007:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 863.
- **Dec 19, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR S16864-16865)
- **Dec 19, 2007:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR S16864-16865)
- **Dec 19, 2007:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 19, 2007:** Cleared for White House.
- **Dec 5, 2007:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 5, 2007:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 5, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Dec 4, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S14747-14748; text: CR S14747-14748)
- **Dec 4, 2007:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S14747-14748; text: CR S14747-14748)
- **May 22, 2007:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Leahy without amendment. With written report No. 110-69. Additional views filed.
- **May 22, 2007:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 167.
- **Mar 15, 2007:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Mar 13, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 13, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3072-3073)
- **Mar 13, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.