

HR 884

PACTS Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 28, 2007
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 23, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

Promoting Antiterrorism Cooperation through Technology and Science Act, or PACTS Act - Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Under Secretary for Science and Technology of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to establish the Science and Technology Homeland Security International Cooperative Programs Office (the Office).

Provides for the Office to be headed by a Director, who: (1) shall be selected by and shall report to the Under Secretary; and (2) may be an officer of DHS serving in another position.

Requires the Director to: (1) develop, in consultation with the Department of State, understandings or agreements that allow and support international cooperative activity in support of homeland security research, development, and comparative testing; (2) develop, in coordination with the Directorate of Science and Technology, the other components of DHS, and other federal agencies, strategic priorities for such activity; and (3) facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of international cooperative activity to address such priorities.

Requires the Director to: (1) facilitate the matching of U.S. entities with non-U.S. entities that may partner in homeland security research activities; and (2) ensure that activities are coordinated with those of other relevant research agencies. Permits the Director to run projects jointly with other agencies.

Authorizes the Director to hold international homeland security technology workshops and conferences to improve contact among the international community of technology developers and to help establish direction for future technology goals.

Authorizes the Under Secretary to carry out international cooperative activities to support specified responsibilities of the Under Secretary, including through the award of grants and the entering into of cooperative agreements or contracts. Instructs the Under Secretary to ensure that funding and resources expended in international cooperative activities will be equitably matched by the foreign partner organization through direct funding or funding of complimentary activities, or through the provision of staff, facilities, materials, or equipment.

Permits the Under Secretary to make or accept loans of equipment for research and development and comparative testing purposes.

Authorizes the Under Secretary to conduct international cooperative activities jointly with other agencies.

Specifies that foreign partners may include: (1) Israel; (2) the United Kingdom; (3) Canada; (4) Australia; (5) Singapore; and (6) other allies in the global war on terrorism, as appropriate.

Authorizes the Under Secretary, in coordination with the Chief Medical Officer, as part of the international cooperative activities authorized by this Act, to facilitate the development of information sharing and other types of cooperative mechanisms with foreign countries, including African nations, to strengthen American preparedness against threats to the U.S.'s agricultural and public health sectors from exotic diseases.

Authorizes appropriations to the Secretary of DHS, which shall be derived from amounts otherwise authorized for the Directorate of Science and Technology, for FY2008-FY2011 for activities under this Act.

States that, whenever the Office participates in an international cooperative activity with a foreign country on a cost-sharing basis, any reimbursements or contributions received from that foreign country to meet its share of the project may be credited to appropriate current appropriations accounts of the Directorate of Science and Technology.

Requires the Under Secretary, acting through the Director, to transmit: (1) a specified report to Congress on such international cooperative activities; and (2) updates of such report every five years.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 3, 2007:** Provisions of measure incorporated into Title XIX of H.R. 1, P.L. 110-53.
- **Feb 28, 2007:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Feb 27, 2007:** Mr. King (NY) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Feb 27, 2007:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1909-1914)
- **Feb 27, 2007:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 884.
- **Feb 27, 2007:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Feb 27, 2007:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1932-1933)
- **Feb 27, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 396 - 16 (Roll no. 105).(text: CR H1909-1910)
- **Feb 27, 2007:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 27, 2007:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 396 - 16 (Roll no. 105). (text: CR H1909-1910)
- **Feb 23, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology.
- **Feb 7, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 7, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.