

## HR 923

Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act of 2007

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Jun 13, 2007
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Jun 13, 2007
Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Jun 13, 2007

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 1, 2007
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported by	Jun 12, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 3430	Related bill	Sep 8, 2008: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 944.
110 S 3348	Related bill	Aug 1, 2008: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8017-8019)
110 S 535	Identical bill	Jun 22, 2007: By Senator Leahy from Committee on the Judiciary filed written report. Report No. 110-88.

Summary (as of Oct 7, 2008)

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on June 20, 2007. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act of 2007 - Directs the Attorney General to designate a Deputy Chief in the Criminal Section of the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice (DOJ). Makes the Deputy Chief responsible for investigating and prosecuting violations of criminal civil rights statutes in which the alleged violation occurred before January 1, 1970 and resulted in death.

(Sec. 4) Directs the Attorney General to designate a Supervisory Special Agent in the Civil Rights Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) of the DOJ to investigate violations of criminal civil rights statutes that occurred before January 1, 1970 and resulted in a death.

(Sec. 5) Authorizes the Attorney General to award grants to state or local law enforcement agencies for the investigation and prosecution of such cases.

(Sec. 6) Authorizes appropriations.

(Sec. 8) Terminates the effectiveness of the above provisions at the end of FY2017.

(Sec. 9) Amends the Crime Control Act of 1990 to authorize staff of an Inspector General to assist the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children by conducting reviews of inactive case files to develop recommendations for further investigations and engaging in similar activities.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Oct 7, 2008:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 7, 2008:** Became Public Law No: 110-344.
- **Sep 26, 2008:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 24, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S9350-9355)
- **Sep 24, 2008:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S9350-9355)
- **Sep 24, 2008:** Cleared for White House.
- **Jun 26, 2007:** Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 237.
- **Jun 21, 2007:** Received in the Senate.
- **Jun 20, 2007:** Mr. Scott (VA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jun 20, 2007:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6742-6749)
- **Jun 20, 2007:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 923.
- **Jun 20, 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.
- **Jun 20, 2007:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H6753-6754)
- **Jun 20, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 422 - 2 (Roll no. 512).(text: CR H6742-6743)
- **Jun 20, 2007:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 422 - 2 (Roll no. 512). (text: CR H6742-6743)
- **Jun 20, 2007:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 20, 2007:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 19, 2007:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 110-200.
- **Jun 19, 2007:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 120.
- **Jun 13, 2007:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 13, 2007:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 12, 2007:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 12, 2007:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Jun 8, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Mar 1, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Feb 9, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR 2/12/2007 E312-313)
- **Feb 8, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 8, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.