

HR 104

To establish a national commission on presidential war powers and civil liberties.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Armed Services Committee | House | Referred To | Jan 6, 2009 |
| Foreign Affairs Committee | House | Referred To | Jan 6, 2009 |
| Intelligence (Permanent Select) Committee | House | Referred To | Jan 6, 2009 |
| Judiciary Committee | House | Referred to | Jun 12, 2009 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 111 HR 6501 | Related bill | Dec 8, 2010: Referred to House Intelligence (Permanent) |

Summary (as of Jan 6, 2009)

Establishes the National Commission on Presidential War Powers and Civil Liberties to investigate, and report to the President and Congress on, the broad range of policies of the Bush Administration that were undertaken under claims of unreviewable war powers, including: (1) detention by the Armed Forces and the intelligence community; (2) the use by such entities of enhanced interrogation techniques or techniques not authorized by the Uniform Code of Military Justice; (3) "ghosting" or other policies intended to conceal an individual's capture or detention; (4) extraordinary rendition; and (5) domestic warrantless electronic surveillance.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 12, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Jan 6, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 6, 2009:** Referred to House Armed Services
- **Jan 6, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Intelligence (Permanent Select), the Judiciary, and Foreign Affairs, 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.
- **Jan 6, 2009:** Referred to House Intelligence (Permanent)
- **Jan 6, 2009:** Referred to House Judiciary
- **Jan 6, 2009:** Referred to House Foreign Affairs