

## HR 1288

### Saudi Arabia Accountability Act of 2009

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

**Introduced:** Mar 3, 2009

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. (Aug 19, 2009)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/house-bill/1288>

## Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

## Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Berkley, Shelley [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Mar 3, 2009
Rep. Crowley, Joseph [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Mar 3, 2009
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Mar 3, 2009
Rep. Tauscher, Ellen O. [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Mar 3, 2009

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 3, 2009
Homeland Security Committee	House	Bills of Interest - Exchange of Letters	Sep 22, 2010
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 19, 2009
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## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

International Affairs

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Saudi Arabia Accountability Act of 2009 - Expresses the sense of Congress that the government of Saudi Arabia: (1) cooperate fully with the United States in the investigation of terror groups and individuals; (2) close permanently all organizations in Saudi Arabia that fund, train, encourage, or in any way aid terrorism anywhere in the world, and end funding for such organizations outside Saudi Arabia; and (3) block funding from private Saudi citizens and entities to Saudi-based or offshore terror organizations.

Directs the President to prohibit certain exports to Saudi Arabia and restrict travel of certain Saudi diplomats if the President cannot certify to the appropriate congressional committees that the government of Saudi Arabia: (1) is fully cooperating with the United States in investigating and preventing terrorist attacks; (2) has closed permanently all Saudi-based terror organizations; (3) has ended funding for any offshore terror organization; and (4) has exercised maximum efforts to block funding from private Saudi citizens and entities to offshore terror organizations. Allows the President to waive such sanctions for national security reasons.

Prohibits visa issuance to citizens of Saudi Arabia until the President certifies that Saudi Arabia does not discriminate in visa issuance based upon religion or heritage.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Aug 19, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law.
- **Aug 19, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Mar 3, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 3, 2009:** Referred to House Foreign Affairs
- **Mar 3, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.
- **Mar 3, 2009:** Referred to House Judiciary