

HR 1318

Afghanistan-Pakistan Security and Prosperity Enhancement Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** MD • **Chamber:** Senate

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Rep. Burton, Dan [R-IN-5]	R · IN		Mar 4, 2009
Rep. Crowley, Joseph [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Mar 4, 2009
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Rep. Moran, James P. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Mar 4, 2009
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Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Apr 28, 2009
Rep. McMahon, Michael E. [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Dec 2, 2009
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 4, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Foreign Trade and International Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 2410	Related bill	Jun 22, 2009: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Summary (as of Mar 4, 2009)

Afghanistan-Pakistan Security and Prosperity Enhancement Act - Authorizes the President to designate Reconstruction Opportunity Zones within Afghanistan or Pakistan, provided certain eligibility criteria are met, including that: (1) such countries establish, or make progress toward establishing, a market-based economy, instituting rule of law, protecting core labor standards, and eliminating barriers to trade and investment; (2) such countries can be designated as a beneficiary developing country; and (3) the designation of a Reconstruction Opportunity Zone is appropriate taking into account certain qualifying factors.

Provides for the duty-free treatment of certain textile and apparel products, as well as nontextile and nonapparel products, from a Reconstruction Opportunity Zone through September 30, 2024.

Sets forth requirements to prevent the unlawful transshipment of such products.

Continues the duty-free treatment of such products from a Reconstruction Opportunity Zone in Afghanistan or Pakistan only if the President certifies to Congress that such countries have met certain requirements, including: (1) designation of a labor official; and (2) have agreed to require textile or apparel exporting enterprises to participate in a technical assistance, capacity building, compliance assessment, and remediation program.

Authorizes the President to withdraw, suspend, or limit the application of duty-free treatment under this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 4, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 4, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E556)
- **Mar 4, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.