

HR 1425

Wartime Treatment Study Act

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Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Apr 21, 2009
Rep. Ackerman, Gary L. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		May 13, 2009
Rep. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI-2]	D · HI		May 13, 2009
Rep. Hodes, Paul W. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Jun 8, 2009
Rep. Farr, Sam [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Jun 9, 2009
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Rep. Berman, Howard L. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Jul 24, 2009
Rep. Herseth Sandlin, Stephanie [D-SD-At Large]	D · SD		Jul 28, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Appropriations Committee	House	Discharged From	Dec 22, 2010
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported by	Jul 31, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 564	Identical bill	Mar 10, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2971-2973)

Wartime Treatment Study Act - Title I: Commission on Wartime Treatment of European Americans - (Sec. 101)
Establishes the Commission on Wartime Treatment of European Americans to review U.S. government wartime treatment (beginning September 1, 1939, and ending December 31, 1948) of European Americans and European Latin Americans.

(Sec. 102) Requires the Commission to review: (1) government actions with respect to European Americans and European Latin Americans pursuant to U.S. laws and directives, including the Alien Enemies Acts, Presidential Proclamations 2526 (Alien Enemies - German), 2527 (Alien Enemies - Italians), 2655, 2662, 2685 (Removal of Alien Enemies), Executive Orders 9066 (Authorizing the Secretary of War to Prescribe Military Areas) and 9095 (Establishing the Office of Alien Property Custodian), and related directives pursuant to these and other pertinent laws, proclamations, or executive orders; (2) registration requirements, travel and property restrictions, internment, and forced abandonment of property; (3) participation by European Americans in the U.S. Armed Forces; and (4) appropriate remedies, including public education programs and the creation of a comprehensive online database by the National Archives and Records Administration of documents related to the government's wartime treatment of European Americans and European Latin Americans during World War II.

Requires such review to include a list of: (1) all temporary detention and long-term internment facilities in the United States and Latin American nations used to detain or intern European Americans and European Latin Americans during World War II; (2) the names of European Americans and European Latin Americans who died while in World War II detention facilities and where they were buried; (3) the names of children of European Americans and European Latin Americans who were born in World War II detention facilities and where they were born; and (4) the nations from which European Latin Americans were brought to the United States, the ships that transported them to the United States and their departure and disembarkation ports, the locations where European Americans and European Latin Americans were exchanged for persons held in European Axis nations, and the ships that transported them to Europe and their departure and disembarkation ports.

Directs the Commission to hold public hearings in appropriate U.S. cities.

(Sec. 103) Permits the Commission to hold hearings and request attendance and testimony of witnesses and production of records and documents. Authorizes the Commission to request the Attorney General to invoke the aid of an appropriate U.S. district court to require, by subpoena or otherwise, such attendance, testimony, or production.

(Sec. 104) Sets forth administrative provisions authorizing the Commission to appoint personnel and fix compensation, obtain the services of experts and federal government detailees, and enter into agreements to obtain necessary services and supplies.

(Sec. 105) Authorizes appropriations.

(Sec. 106) Terminates the Commission 60 days after it submits a required report of its findings and recommendations to Congress.

Title II: Commission on Wartime Treatment of Jewish Refugees - (Sec. 201) Establishes the Commission on Wartime Treatment of Jewish Refugees to review the U.S. government's refusal to allow entry into the United States of Jewish and other refugees fleeing persecution or genocide in Europe.

(Sec. 202) Directs the Commission to include (covering the period beginning January 1, 1933, and ending December 31, 1945) reviews of: (1) the rationale for such refusal, its perceived benefit, and its impact on refugees; and (2) federal refugee policy concerning those fleeing persecution or genocide.

Sets forth provisions that parallel title I provisions concerning public hearings, Commission powers, Commission administration, authorization of appropriations, and Commission termination.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 22, 2010:** Committee on Appropriations discharged.
- **Dec 22, 2010:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 415.
- **Dec 21, 2010:** House Committee on Appropriations Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Dec. 22, 2010.
- **Dec 17, 2010:** House Committee on Appropriations Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Dec. 21, 2010.
- **Dec 13, 2010:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 111-679, Part I.
- **Dec 13, 2010:** House Committee on Appropriations Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Dec. 17, 2010.
- **Oct 21, 2009:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 21, 2009:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 19 - 7.
- **Jul 31, 2009:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 31, 2009:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 9 - 1 .
- **Apr 27, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law.
- **Mar 10, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 10, 2009:** Referred to House Judiciary
- **Mar 10, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Appropriations, 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 10, 2009:** Referred to House Appropriations