

## S 1425

### GROWTH Act of 2009

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### Sponsor

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Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jul 9, 2009
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Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jul 20, 2009
Sen. Hagan, Kay R. [D-NC]	D · NC		Jul 23, 2009
Sen. Burris, Roland [D-IL]	D · IL		Sep 8, 2009
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Sep 21, 2009
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Oct 27, 2009
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jan 28, 2010
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Mar 9, 2010
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 18, 2010
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 12, 2010
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		May 6, 2010
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		May 25, 2010
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Jul 12, 2010

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 9, 2009

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

International Affairs

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 5191	Related bill	Apr 29, 2010: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

## Summary (as of Jul 9, 2009)

Global Resources and Opportunities for Women to Thrive Act of 2009 or GROWTH Act of 2009 - Targets assistance for women in developing countries with respect to: (1) microenterprises; (2) small and medium enterprises; (3) private property rights and land tenure security; (4) employment access; (5) trade benefits; (6) exchanges with U.S. entrepreneurs; and (7) Millennium Challenge Account assistance.

Directs the Secretary of State to establish the Global Resources and Opportunities for Women to Thrive (GROWTH) Fund to enhance economic opportunities for very poor, poor, and low-income women in developing countries with a focus on: (1) increasing women-owned enterprise development; (2) increasing property rights for women; (3) increasing women's access to financial services; (4) increasing women in leadership in implementing organizations as well as financial service providers; (5) improving women's employment benefits and conditions; and (6) increasing women's ability to benefit from global trade.

Directs the Secretary, through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), to: (1) provide support for tracking indicators on women's employment, property rights, access to financial services, and enterprise development; and (2) ensure foreign assistance project proposals include capacity building and technical assistance for local, indigenous, nongovernmental, organizations and community-based organizations dedicated to addressing the needs of women and women's organizations.

## Actions Timeline

- Jul 9, 2009: Introduced in Senate
- Jul 9, 2009: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S7408)
- Jul 9, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7321-7324)