

## HR 1439

World War II War Crimes Accountability Act of 2009

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

**Introduced:** Mar 11, 2009

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. (Apr 27, 2009)

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 11, 2009
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 27, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

International Affairs

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 1704	Related bill	<b>Sep 24, 2009:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

World War II War Crimes Accountability Act of 2009 - Expresses the sense of the Senate that: (1) the United States should encourage extradition and prosecution of the remaining Nazi war criminals; (2) the Simon Wiesenthal Center should be commended for its historic work in bringing to light the atrocities of the Holocaust and in advancing justice for Nazi war criminals through Operation: Last Chance; and (3) the Office of Special Investigation of the Department of Justice is advancing U.S. foreign policy by bringing wanted World War II criminals to justice and should be commended for its actions.

Directs the Attorney General, in evaluating the effect on U.S. law enforcement and security interests for purposes of a country's eligibility for visa waiver program designation, to consider the extent to which such country is: (1) cooperating in extraditing or prosecuting Nazi war criminals; and (2) admitting into its territory aliens ordered removed from the United States because of participation in Nazi persecution, genocide, torture, or extrajudicial killing.

Authorizes the President, after congressional notification, to not terminate a country's designation based upon such evaluation if in the national interest.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 27, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Mar 11, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 11, 2009:** Referred to House Judiciary
- **Mar 11, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on 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.
- **Mar 11, 2009:** Referred to House Foreign Affairs