

S 1472

Human Rights Enforcement Act of 2009

Congress: 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Jul 20, 2009

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 111-122.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 111-122. (Dec 22, 2009)

Law: 111-122 (Enacted Dec 22, 2009)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/senate-bill/1472>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]

Party: Democratic • State: IL • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Coburn, Tom [R-OK]	R · OK		Jul 20, 2009
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Sep 30, 2009
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Oct 13, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Nov 6, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the Senate on November 6, 2009. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Human Rights Enforcement Act of 2009 - Eliminates the Office of Special Investigations within the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice (DOJ).

Directs the Attorney General to: (1) establish, within 90 days after the enactment of this Act, a section within the Criminal Division of DOJ with responsibility for the enforcement of laws against suspected participants in serious human rights offenses; and (2) consult with the Secretaries of Homeland Security and State in taking appropriate legal action against such individuals. Defines "serious human rights offenses" to include genocide, torture, war crimes, and the use or recruitment of child soldiers.

Amends the federal criminal code to: (1) to punish a conspiracy to commit genocide in the same manner as completed act of genocide; (2) eliminate the limitation period for prosecuting crimes of genocide; and (3) include genocide and recruitment of child soldiers as predicates for the crime of providing material support to terrorists.

Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to broaden the basis for rendering aliens participating in genocide inadmissible.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 22, 2009:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 22, 2009:** Became Public Law No: 111-122.
- **Dec 17, 2009:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 15, 2009:** Mr. Conyers moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Dec 15, 2009:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H14892-14894)
- **Dec 15, 2009:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 1472.
- **Dec 15, 2009:** At the conclusion of debate, the chair put the question on the motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Conyers objected to the vote on the grounds that a quorum was not present. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. The point of no quorum was withdrawn.
- **Dec 15, 2009:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H14944-14945)
- **Dec 15, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by recorded vote (2/3 required): 416 - 3 (Roll no. 977).(text: CR H14892-14893)
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- **Dec 15, 2009:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 15, 2009:** Cleared for White House.
- **Dec 1, 2009:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 1, 2009:** Held at the desk.
- **Nov 30, 2009:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 21, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S11974-11976; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S11974-11975; text as passed Senate: CR S11976)
- **Nov 21, 2009:** Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S11974-11976; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S11974-11975; text as passed Senate: CR S11976)
- **Nov 6, 2009:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Leahy with amendments. Without written report.
- **Nov 6, 2009:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 209.
- **Nov 5, 2009:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Jul 20, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 20, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S7702-7703)
- **Jul 20, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7703)