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International Women's Freedom Act of 2009

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 14, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 606	Related bill	Mar 16, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

International Women's Freedom Act of 2009 - Establishes within the Department of State an Office of International Women's Rights to be headed by an Ambassador at Large for International Women's Rights.

Directs the Secretary of State to: (1) establish a women's rights Internet site; and (2) maintain prisoner lists and issue briefs on women's rights concerns.

Amends the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to include instruction on the internationally recognized rights of women and the various aspects and manifestations of violations of women's rights in Foreign Service officer training.

Establishes the United States Commission on International Women's Rights. (Terminates the Commission 12 years after the date of the initial appointment of its members.)

Amends the National Security Act of 1947 to express the sense of Congress that there should be within the National Security Council (NSC) staff a Special Adviser to the President on International Women's Rights.

Directs the President to take specified actions in response to women's rights violations, including actions in response to particularly severe rights violations.

Provides for prohibition of economic, multilateral, military, and export assistance in instances of particularly severe women's rights violations.

Provides for the promotion of women's rights.

Provides for women's rights-related training with respect to refugee, asylum, and consular matters.

Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the inadmissibility of foreign government officials who have engaged in particularly severe women's rights violations.

Expresses the sense of Congress that transnational corporations operating overseas should adopt codes of conduct upholding the rights of their female employees.

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