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Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Dec 23, 2009
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Dec 23, 2009

Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act - Amends the federal judicial code to: (1) expand the liability of foreign states for tortious acts committed against U.S. citizens during a terrorist act and allow civil actions against a foreign state that are now pending or that were dismissed to proceed in accordance with such expanded liability; and (2) impose liability on a foreign state for the acts or omissions of its officials or employees while acting within the scope of their office or employment.

Amends the federal criminal code to: (1) impose liability on any person who aids and abets an act of international terrorism, provides material support or resources to terrorist organizations, or conspires with terrorists; (2) grant U.S. district courts personal jurisdiction over such persons; (3) remove the prohibition against bringing a civil action against foreign states or foreign officials for damages related to acts of terrorism; (4) extend from 4 to 10 years the limitation period for bringing an action for civil damages resulting from an act of international terrorism; and (5) allow previously time-barred cases to be refiled within 90 days of the enactment of this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 14, 2010:** Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 111-858.
- **Dec 23, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Dec 23, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S13885-13886)
- **Dec 23, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.