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Families for Orphans Act of 2009

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 26, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 1458	Related bill	Jul 16, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
111 HR 3031	Identical bill	Jun 24, 2009: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Summary (as of Jun 26, 2009)

Families for Orphans Act of 2009 - Establishes within the Department of State the Office for Orphan Policy Diplomacy and Development which shall support: (1) the preservation and reunification of families; and (2) the provision of permanent parental care for orphans.

Directs the President to establish the Policy Coordinating Committee which shall monitor and support international efforts in family preservation, family reunification, and permanent parental care for orphans.

Authorizes the President to provide assistance to foreign countries: (1) for family preservation, family reunification, and orphan care efforts; and (2) to meet minimum standards required for such assistance.

Authorizes the Secretary of State to make grants to nongovernmental agencies to promote permanent parental care for orphans.

Directs the Secretary to: (1) initiate a study to identify global best practices for preserving and reunifying families and providing permanent parental care for orphans; and (2) carry out a global best practices pilot program.

Actions Timeline

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