

S 3113

Refugee Protection Act of 2010

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** VT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 15, 2010
Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 16, 2010
Sen. Burriss, Roland [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 16, 2010
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 16, 2010

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	May 19, 2010

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Immigration

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Refugee Protection Act of 2010 - Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the one-year time limit for filing an asylum claim.

Revises the definition of terrorist activity for purposes of alien inadmissibility. Excludes coerced activity from such definition.

Revises: (1) the definition of refugee; and (2) the criteria for granting asylum.

Authorizes the Attorney General to appoint counsel to represent an alien in a removal proceeding.

Prohibits an alien from being removed during the 30-day petition for review period unless the alien indicates in writing that he or she wishes to be removed before the expiration of such period.

Makes discretionary certain currently required detention provisions regarding arriving aliens who request asylum.

Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) to: (1) establish a secure alternatives to detention program; (2) establish specified conditions of detention; (3) file notice of immigration charges with the court and the individual within 48 hours of detention; and (4) establish procedures to ensure the accuracy of statements taken by DHS employees exercising expedited removal authority.

Authorizes the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom to conduct a study to determine whether certain immigration officers are properly handling asylum and removal/detention authority with regard to aliens apprehended after entering the United States.

Eliminates the one-year waiting period before a refugee or asylee may petition for permanent legal resident status.

Exempts aliens under the age of 18 from certain restrictions on applying for asylum.

Permits applicants for refugee admission to simultaneously pursue other forms of admission.

Authorizes the spouse or child of a refugee or asylee to bring his or her accompanying or following child into the United States as a refugee or asylee.

States that if the President does not issue a refugee allocation determination before the beginning of a fiscal year the number of refugees that may be admitted in each quarter shall be 25% of the number of refugees admissible during the previous fiscal year.

Authorizes the Secretary of State to designate certain groups as eligible for expedited refugee adjudication.

Directs the Secretary of State to notify Congress regarding the amount of funds that will be provided in Reception and Placement Grants in the coming fiscal year.

Authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to make grants to nonprofit organizations to assist refugees in obtaining immigration benefits.

Sets forth protections for: (1) aliens interdicted at sea; and (2) stateless persons in the United States.

Actions Timeline

- **May 19, 2010:** Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held.
- **Mar 15, 2010:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 15, 2010:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1518-1520)
- **Mar 15, 2010:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1521-1528)