

HR 3859

Ethics in Foreign Lobbying 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
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Oct 20, 2009
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 4, 2010

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Ethics in Foreign Lobbying Act of 2009 - Amends the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit contributions and expenditures in federal elections by multicandidate political committees or separate segregated funds sponsored by foreign-controlled corporations and associations (at least 50% owned by a non-U.S. citizen or foreign national). Sets forth ownership and operating fund reporting requirements.

Prohibits a foreign national from participating in the decision-making process of any person's election-related activities (such as those of a corporation, labor organization, or political committee). Establishes within the Federal Election Commission a clearinghouse of existing public information regarding the political activities of foreign principals and agents of foreign principals. Amends the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, to: (1) revise foreign agents' supplemental reporting requirements; and (2) provide civil penalties for specified reporting violations.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 4, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7634-7635)
- **Oct 20, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 20, 2009:** Referred to House Administration
- **Oct 20, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Oct 20, 2009:** Referred to House Judiciary