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Uniting American Families Act of 2009

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]

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

Cosponsors (25 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Feb 12, 2009
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Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Feb 12, 2009
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Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 12, 2009
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Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 12, 2009
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Feb 27, 2009
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 23, 2009
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 24, 2009
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 2, 2009
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jun 3, 2009
Sen. Burris, Roland [D-IL]	D · IL		Jun 25, 2009
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Aug 4, 2009
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 10, 2009
Sen. Specter, Arlen [D-PA]	D · PA		Nov 18, 2009
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Sep 16, 2010
Sen. Udall, Mark [D-CO]	D · CO		Sep 23, 2010

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 12, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 2709	Related bill	Aug 19, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law.
111 HR 1024	Related bill	Mar 16, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law.

Summary (as of Feb 12, 2009)

Uniting American Families Act of 2009 - Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to include a "permanent partner" within the scope of such Act. Defines a "permanent partner" as an individual 18 or older who: (1) is in a committed, intimate relationship with another individual 18 or older in which both individuals intend a lifelong commitment; (2) is financially interdependent with the other individual; (3) is not married to, or in a permanent partnership with, any other individual other than the individual; (4) is unable to contract with the other individual a marriage cognizable under this Act; and (5) is not a first, second, or third degree blood relation of the other individual. Defines a "permanent partnership" as the relationship existing between two permanent partners.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 12, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 12, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2233-2234)
- **Feb 12, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2234-2236)

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