

HR 591

Interrogation and Detention Reform Act of 2008

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Mar 5, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 15, 2009
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 15, 2009
Homeland Security Committee	House	Bills of Interest - Exchange of Letters	Sep 22, 2010
Intelligence (Permanent Select) Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 15, 2009
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 16, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 2983	Related bill	Jun 19, 2009: Referred to House Intelligence (Permanent)

Summary (as of Jan 15, 2009)

Interrogation and Detention Reform Act of 2008 [*sic*] - Requires a head of an element of the intelligence community who has custody or effective control of an detained individual to immediately notify the International Committee of the Red Cross of such custody or control and allow such Committee physical and repeat access to such individual.

Repeals: (1) the Military Commissions Act of 2006; (2) additional punitive provisions relating to conspiracy to commit crimes against the law of war and additional prohibitions against cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment; (3) prohibitions against the issuance of writs of habeas corpus for enemy combatants; and (4) the authority to conduct combatant status review tribunals.

Directs the President to: (1) close the Department of Defense detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; (2) remove from such facility each individual designated as an enemy combatant or unlawful enemy combatant; and (3) submit a plan to Congress for the prosecution, transfer, release, or other disposition of such combatants.

Expresses the sense of Congress with respect to the investigation and prosecution of international terrorism.

Directs the President to: (1) establish uniform standards for the interrogation of individuals in U.S. custody or under U.S. control; (2) establish the U.S. Center for Excellence in Human Intelligence Collection to train members of the Armed Forces and personnel of the intelligence community to conduct research and examine doctrine and policy related to human intelligence collection; and (3) submit to Congress a strategy for the detention of terrorist suspects and convicts.

Prohibits the use of private contractors for activities relating to the capture, custody, control, or other pertinent interaction with a detainee or prisoner in U.S. custody.

Establishes requirements for recording strategic intelligence interrogations of individuals held in U.S. custody or under detention in a U.S. facility.

Expresses the sense of Congress relating to international cooperation on human intelligence collection.

Directs the Secretary of Defense to develop incentives for the improvement of human intelligence collection capabilities.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 16, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Jan 15, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 15, 2009:** Referred to House Armed Services
- **Jan 15, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Foreign Affairs, and Intelligence (Permanent Select), 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.
- **Jan 15, 2009:** Referred to House Judiciary
- **Jan 15, 2009:** Referred to House Foreign Affairs
- **Jan 15, 2009:** Referred to House Intelligence (Permanent)