

HR 730

Nuclear Forensics and Attribution Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Emergency Management

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Israel, Steve [D-NY-2]	D · NY		Jan 27, 2009
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Jan 27, 2009
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-11]	D · NY		Mar 19, 2009
Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Mar 23, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 27, 2009
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 17, 2009
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 5, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on December 23, 2009. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Nuclear Forensics and Attribution Act - Expresses the sense of Congress that the President should: (1) pursue bilateral and multilateral international agreements to establish an international framework for determining the source of any confiscated nuclear or radiological material or weapon, as well as the source of any detonated weapon and the nuclear or radiological material used in such a weapon; (2) develop protocols for the data exchange and dissemination of sensitive information relating to nuclear or radiological materials and samples of controlled nuclear or radiological materials to the extent required by such agreements; and (3) develop expedited protocols for the data exchange and dissemination of sensitive information needed to publicly identify the source of a nuclear detonation.

Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to include within the mission of the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office to: (1) lead the development and implementation of the national strategic five-year plan for improving U.S. nuclear forensic and attribution capabilities required under the National Defense Authorization Act for FY2010; (2) establish within the Office a National Technical Nuclear Forensics Center to provide centralized stewardship, planning, assessment, gap analysis, exercises, improvement, and integration for all federal nuclear forensics and attribution activities; (3) establish a National Nuclear Forensics Expertise Development Program that is devoted to developing and maintaining a vibrant and enduring academic pathway from undergraduate to post-doctorate study in nuclear and geochemical science specialties directly relevant to technical nuclear forensics and that shall provide undergraduate and doctoral student scholarships and awards to ensure that faculty and their graduate students have a sustained funding stream; and (4) report to Congress annually on such activities.

Requires the Director of the Office and each of the relevant departments that are partners in the Center to: (1) include, as part of required assessments, evaluations, and reviews, each office's or department's activities and investments in support of nuclear forensics and attribution activities and specific goals and objectives accomplished during the previous year pursuant to the national strategic five-year plan for improving U.S. nuclear forensic and attribution capabilities; (2) attach, as an appendix to the Joint Interagency Annual Review, the most current version of such strategy and plan; and (3) include a description of new or amended bilateral and multilateral agreements and efforts in support of nuclear forensics and attribution activities accomplished during the previous year.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 16, 2010:** Signed by President.
- **Feb 16, 2010:** Became Public Law No: 111-140.
- **Feb 4, 2010:** Presented to President.
- **Jan 21, 2010:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H300-301)
- **Jan 21, 2010:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 397 - 10 (Roll no. 16).(text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR 1/20/2010 H226-227)
- **Jan 21, 2010:** On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 397 - 10 (Roll no. 16). (text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR 1/20/2010 H226-227)
- **Jan 21, 2010:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 21, 2010:** Cleared for White House.
- **Jan 20, 2010:** Ms. Clarke moved that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment. (consideration: CR H226-229)
- **Jan 20, 2010:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 730.
- **Jan 20, 2010:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Dec 24, 2009:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 23, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S13886-13887; text as passed Senate: S13886-13887)
- **Dec 23, 2009:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S13886-13887; text as passed Senate: S13886-13887)
- **Dec 17, 2009:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Lieberman with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Dec 17, 2009:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 244.
- **Nov 4, 2009:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Mar 26, 2009:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Mar 24, 2009:** Mr. Carney moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Mar 24, 2009:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3765-3769)
- **Mar 24, 2009:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 730.
- **Mar 24, 2009:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Mar 24, 2009:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H3772-3773)
- **Mar 24, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 402 - 16 (Roll no. 148).(text: CR H3765-3766)
- **Mar 24, 2009:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 402 - 16 (Roll no. 148). (text: CR H3765-3766)
- **Mar 24, 2009:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 5, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology.
- **Jan 27, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 27, 2009:** Referred to House Homeland Security
- **Jan 27, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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 27, 2009:** Referred to House Foreign Affairs

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