

## HR 909

Public Diplomacy Resource Centers Act of 2009

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. (Feb 4, 2009)

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 4, 2009

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

International Affairs

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 2410	Related bill	<b>Jun 22, 2009:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## Summary (as of Feb 4, 2009)

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Public Diplomacy Resource Centers Act of 2009 - Amends the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to direct the Secretary of State to ensure that diplomatic and consular mission libraries and resource centers: (1) are open to the general public to the greatest extent practicable, subject to security considerations; and (2) schedule public showings of American films that showcase American culture, society, values, and history.

Directs the Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy to report to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations respecting the functions and effectiveness of such libraries and resource centers.

## Actions Timeline

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