

**S 987**

International Protecting Girls by Preventing Child Marriage Act of 2010

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

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**Current Status:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 241 -

**Latest Action:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 241 - 166 (Roll no. 645). (Dec 16, 2010)

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**Sponsor**

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**Name:** Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]

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

**Cosponsors** (42 total)

<b>Cosponsor</b>	<b>Party / State</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Date Joined</b>
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		May 6, 2009
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		May 6, 2009
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		May 6, 2009
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		May 6, 2009
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		May 7, 2009
Sen. Burris, Roland [D-IL]	D · IL		May 11, 2009
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		May 12, 2009
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		May 12, 2009
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		May 12, 2009
Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]	D · CT		May 18, 2009
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		May 21, 2009
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Jun 2, 2009
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jun 4, 2009
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [ID-CT]	ID · CT		Jun 11, 2009
Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 16, 2009
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Jun 19, 2009
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Sep 8, 2009
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Sep 8, 2009
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Sep 8, 2009
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Sep 9, 2009
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	R · MS		Sep 15, 2009
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Sep 21, 2009
Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		Sep 30, 2009
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Oct 14, 2009
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Oct 21, 2009
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Oct 22, 2009
Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA]	R · LA		Nov 30, 2009
Sen. Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]	D · ND		Dec 22, 2009
Sen. Brownback, Sam [R-KS]	R · KS		Jan 22, 2010
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Feb 1, 2010
Sen. Udall, Mark [D-CO]	D · CO		Feb 22, 2010
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 11, 2010
Sen. Specter, Arlen [D-PA]	D · PA		May 12, 2010
Sen. Hagan, Kay R. [D-NC]	D · NC		May 13, 2010
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		May 19, 2010
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 24, 2010
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jun 7, 2010
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 21, 2010
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Aug 2, 2010
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		Aug 3, 2010
Sen. Brown, Scott P. [R-MA]	R · MA		Sep 21, 2010

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]	D · WI		Sep 21, 2010

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 2, 2010
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 26, 2010

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

International Affairs

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 6521	Related bill	<b>Dec 14, 2010:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
111 HR 2103	Related bill	<b>Apr 27, 2009:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

## Summary (as of Dec 1, 2010)

International Protecting Girls by Preventing Child Marriage Act of 2010 - (Sec. 3) Defines "child marriage" as the marriage of a girl or boy not yet the minimum age for marriage stipulated in law in the country in which the girl or boy is a resident, or where there is no such law, under the age of 18.

(Sec. 4) Expresses the sense of Congress that: (1) child marriage is a violation of human rights and its prevention and elimination should be a U.S. foreign policy goal; and (2) expanding educational opportunities for girls, economic opportunities for women, and reducing maternal and child mortality are critical to achieving the Millennium Development Goals and U.S. global health and development objectives, including efforts to prevent HIV/AIDS.

(Sec. 5) Authorizes the President to provide assistance, including through multilateral, nongovernmental, and faith-based organizations, to prevent child marriage in developing countries and to promote the educational, health, economic, social, and legal empowerment of girls and women. Sets forth priority assistance criteria.

Directs the President to establish a multi-year strategy to prevent child marriage and promote the empowerment of girls at risk of child marriage in developing countries, and should include addressing the unique needs, vulnerabilities, and potential of girls under age 18 in developing countries. Sets forth strategy elements.

(Sec. 6) Expresses the sense of Congress that the President and all relevant agencies should collect and make available data on: (1) the incidence of child marriage in countries that receive U.S. foreign or development assistance where the practice of child marriage is prevalent; and (2) the impact of the incidence of child marriage and the age at marriage on progress in meeting key development goals.

(Sec. 7) Amends the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to require that Department of State country reports on human rights practices include a description of the status of child marriage for each country in which child marriage is prevalent.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 16, 2010:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H8551-8552)
- **Dec 16, 2010:** Failed of passage/not agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 241 - 166 (Roll no. 645).
- **Dec 16, 2010:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 241 - 166 (Roll no. 645).
- **Dec 15, 2010:** Mr. Berman moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Dec 15, 2010:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8471-8474; text as received in House: CR H8471-8472)
- **Dec 15, 2010:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 987.
- **Dec 15, 2010:** DEBATE - The House continued with further debate on S. 987.
- **Dec 15, 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 2, 2010:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 2, 2010:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 2, 2010:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
- **Dec 1, 2010:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S8353-8355; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S8353-8354)
- **Dec 1, 2010:** The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 1, 2010:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 1, 2010:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Oct 26, 2010:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Kerry under authority of the order of the Senate of 09/29/2010 with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 111-344.
- **Oct 26, 2010:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 637.
- **Sep 21, 2010:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **May 6, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 6, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5232-5236)