

## HR 109

To establish a national commission on presidential war powers and civil liberties.

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** Jan 5, 2011

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution. (Jan 24, 2011)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-14]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (4 total)

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Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jan 5, 2011
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Jan 5, 2011
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Jan 5, 2011
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Jan 5, 2011

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 5, 2011
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 5, 2011
Intelligence (Permanent Select) Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 5, 2011
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 24, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Establishes the National Commission on Presidential War Powers and Civil Liberties to investigate, and report to the President and Congress on, the broad range of executive branch national security policies undertaken since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, including: (1) detention by the Armed Forces and the intelligence community; (2) the use by such entities of enhanced interrogation techniques or techniques not authorized by the Uniform Code of Military Justice; (3) "ghosting" or other policies intended to conceal an individual's capture or detention; (4) extraordinary rendition; (5) domestic warrantless electronic surveillance; (6) targeted killings away from conventional battlefields; and (7) the use of state secrets or other litigation tactics or privileges to avoid judicial review of national security actions.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jan 24, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
- **Jan 5, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 5, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E2)
- **Jan 5, 2011:** 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.

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