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Near East and South Central Asia Religious Freedom Act of 2011

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 440	Related bill	Jan 23, 2012: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 292.

Near East and South Central Asia Religious Freedom Act of 2011 - Authorizes the President to appoint a Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia within the Department of State.

Authorizes the Special Envoy, subject to direction by the President and the Secretary of State, to represent the United States in matters and cases relevant to religious freedom in: (1) contacts with foreign governments, intergovernmental organizations, and specialized agencies of the United Nations (U.N.), the Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe, and other international organizations; and (2) multilateral conferences and meetings relevant to religious freedom.

Defines "countries of the Near East" as Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, and including the West Bank and Gaza. Defines "countries of South Central Asia" as Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 22, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 22, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4028)
- **Jun 22, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.