

S 2318

Department of State Rewards Program Update and Technical Corrections Act of 2012

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Apr 19, 2012
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Apr 19, 2012
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Apr 19, 2012
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Apr 19, 2012
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		Apr 19, 2012
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Apr 19, 2012
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Dec 3, 2012
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Dec 5, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 20, 2012
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Apr 24, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 4077	Related bill	May 7, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade.

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the Senate on November 13, 2012. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Department of State Rewards Program Update and Technical Corrections Act of 2012 - (Sec. 2) Expresses the sense of Congress that the Department of State rewards program should be expanded to: (1) address the threat to U.S. interests from transnational criminal activity, such as intellectual property rights piracy, money laundering, trafficking in persons, arms trafficking, and cyber crime; and (2) target individuals indicted by international, hybrid, or mixed tribunals for genocide, war crimes, or crimes against humanity.

(Sec. 3) Amends the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to include in the program's purpose the prevention of acts of transnational organized crime and violations of international humanitarian law.

Authorizes the Secretary of State to issue rewards for information leading to: (1) the arrest or conviction in any country of any individual for participating in, primarily outside the United States, transnational organized crime; (2) the arrest or conviction in any country of any individual conspiring to participate in or attempting to participate in transnational organized crime; or (3) the arrest or conviction in any country, or the transfer to or conviction by an international criminal tribunal, of any foreign national accused of war crimes, crimes against humanity, or genocide.

Directs the Secretary to notify Congress at least 15 days before announcing a reward for a foreign national accused of war crimes, crimes against humanity, or genocide.

(Sec. 4) Eliminates program references to the reward for the capture or death of Osama bin Laden.

(Sec. 5) States that nothing in this Act shall be construed as authorizing the use of activity precluded under the American Servicemembers' Protection Act of 2002.

(Sec. 6) States that the Secretary shall use amounts available to the Department's Emergencies in the Diplomatic and Consular Services account to pay rewards authorized pursuant to this Act and to carry out other related activities.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 15, 2013:** Signed by President.
- **Jan 15, 2013:** Became Public Law No: 112-283.
- **Jan 3, 2013:** Presented to President.
- **Jan 1, 2013:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H7559-7560)
- **Jan 1, 2013:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR 12/30/2012 H7461)
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- **Jan 1, 2013:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 30, 2012:** Ms. Ros-Lehtinen moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Dec 30, 2012:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7461-7462)
- **Dec 30, 2012:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 2318.
- **Dec 30, 2012:** At the conclusion of debate, the chair put the question on the motion to suspend the rules. Ms. Ros-Lehtinen objected to the vote on the grounds that a quorum was not present. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. The point of no quorum was considered as withdrawn.
- **Dec 20, 2012:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 20, 2012:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 20, 2012:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
- **Dec 19, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S8230-8231; text as passed: CR S8230-8231)
- **Dec 19, 2012:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S8230-8231; text as passed: CR S8230-8231)
- **Nov 13, 2012:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Kerry with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 112-232.
- **Nov 13, 2012:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 537.
- **Sep 19, 2012:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **May 24, 2012:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 112-602.
- **Apr 24, 2012:** Committee on Foreign Relations Subcommittee on African Affairs. Hearings held.
- **Apr 19, 2012:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 19, 2012:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.