

HR 2867

United States Commission on International Religious Freedom Reform and Reauthorization Act of 2011

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Wolf, Frank R. [R-VA-10]

Party: Republican • **State:** VA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Berman, Howard L. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Sep 8, 2011
Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Sep 8, 2011
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Sep 9, 2011
Rep. Jackson, Jesse L., Jr. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Sep 13, 2011
Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Sep 14, 2011

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 8, 2011
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Dec 14, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 1875	Related bill	Nov 15, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
112 HR 1856	Related bill	Aug 2, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights.

(This measure has not been amended since it was amended by the Senate on December 13, 2011. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

United States Commission on International Religious Freedom Reform and Reauthorization Act of 2011 - (Sec. 2) Amends the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to prohibit any individual (including members appointed prior to enactment of this Act) from serving more than two terms as a member of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom.

Requires, for any member serving on the date of enactment of this Act who has completed at least two full terms, that such member's term expire 90 days after such enactment. Bars a member from serving after the expiration of that member's term.

Prohibits: (1) a member attending less than 75% of the meetings during one of such member's terms from being eligible for reappointment, and (2) a member from being eligible to be elected as Chair of the Commission for a second, consecutive term.

Subjects members to specified Department of State and federal travel regulations governing authorized travel at government expense.

(Sec. 3) Requires, for purposes of providing remedies and procedures to address alleged violations of rights and protections that pertain to various specified antidiscrimination laws, that all employees of the Commission be treated as employees whose pay is disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate or the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives and that the Commission be treated as an employing office of the Senate or House.

Authorizes such treatment for any administrative or judicial claim or action pending on the date of enactment of this Act.

(Sec. 4) Authorizes appropriations of \$3 million for each of FY2012-FY2014.

(Sec. 5) Increases to \$250,000 the maximum amount the Commission may expend in any fiscal year to procure temporary or intermittent services contracts for the conduct of certain activities necessary to Commission functions.

(Sec. 6) Extends the Commission's termination date to September 30, 2014.

(Sec. 7) Directs the Comptroller General to: (1) review the effectiveness of federal programs to promote international religious freedom; (2) assess the roles and functions of the Office on International Religious Freedom, the relationship to other offices in the Department of State, and the role of the Ambassador at Large; (3) analyze the Commission's structure as an independent nonpartisan entity in relation to other U.S. advisory commissions; and (4) review the relationship between the Ambassador at Large and the Commission.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 23, 2011:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 23, 2011:** Became Public Law No: 112-75.
- **Dec 19, 2011:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 16, 2011:** Ms. Ros-Lehtinen moved that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendments. (consideration: CR H9810-9812)
- **Dec 16, 2011:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on agreeing to the Senate amendments to H.R. 2867.
- **Dec 16, 2011:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendments Agreed to by voice vote.(text as House agreed to Senate amendment (CR H9810)
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- **Dec 16, 2011:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 14, 2011:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 13, 2011:** Senate Committee on Foreign Relations discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 13, 2011:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S8552-8553)
- **Dec 13, 2011:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with amendments by Voice Vote.(text: CR S8553)
- **Dec 13, 2011:** Passed Senate with amendments by Voice Vote. (text: CR S8553)
- **Sep 15, 2011:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H6197-6198)
- **Sep 15, 2011:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 391 - 21 (Roll no. 709).(text: CR 9/14/2011 H6152-6153)
- **Sep 15, 2011:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 391 - 21 (Roll no. 709). (text: CR 9/14/2011 H6152-6153)
- **Sep 15, 2011:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 15, 2011:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Sep 14, 2011:** Mr. Smith (NJ) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 14, 2011:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6152-6156)
- **Sep 14, 2011:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2867.
- **Sep 14, 2011:** 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.
- **Sep 8, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 8, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.