

## S 299

### REINS Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** Feb 7, 2011

**Current Status:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 112

**Latest Action:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 112-220. (Jul 20, 2011)

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| Sen. Toomey, Patrick [R-PA]       | R · PA        |      | Feb 17, 2011 |
| Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]          | R · NV        |      | Jun 7, 2011  |
| Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]     | D · WV        |      | Jun 8, 2011  |
| Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]          | R · KS        |      | Jul 21, 2011 |
| Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]           | R · ID        |      | Oct 6, 2011  |
| Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]     | R · ME        |      | Nov 3, 2011  |
| Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]          | R · AZ        |      | Nov 15, 2011 |

Committee Activity

| Committee  | Chamber | Activity                     | Date         |
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| Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee | Senate  | Hearings By (full committee) | Jul 20, 2011 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

## Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action  |
|-------------|--------------|--|
| 112 HR 6333 | Related bill | <b>Sep 7, 2012:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law.   |
| 112 HR 4116 | Related bill | <b>Mar 6, 2012:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law.   |
| 112 HR 10   | Related bill | <b>Dec 8, 2011:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.   |
| 112 S 1786  | Related bill | <b>Nov 3, 2011:</b> Motion to proceed to consideration of measure under the order of 11/2/2011, not having achieved 60 votes in the affirmative, was rejected in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 47 - 53. Record Vote Number: 196. (consideration: CR S7113) |
| 112 S 1720  | Related bill | <b>Oct 18, 2011:</b> Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 203.   |

## Summary (as of Feb 7, 2011)

Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2011 or the REINS Act - Rewrites provisions regarding congressional review of agency rulemaking to require congressional approval of major rules of the executive branch before they may take effect (currently, major rules take effect unless Congress passes and the President signs a joint resolution disapproving them). Defines "major rule" as any rule, including an interim final rule, that has resulted in or is likely to result in: (1) an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more; (2) a major increase in costs or prices; or (3) significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or U.S. competitiveness.

Provides that if a joint resolution of approval of a major rule is not enacted by the end of 70 session days or legislative days after the agency proposing the rule submits its report on such rule to Congress, the rule shall be deemed not to be approved and shall not take effect. Permits a major rule to take effect for 90 calendar days without such approval if the President determines such rule is necessary because of an imminent threat to health or safety or other emergency, for the enforcement of criminal laws, for national security, or to implement an international trade agreement.

Sets forth House and Senate procedures for joint resolutions approving major rules and disapproving non-major rules.

## Actions Timeline

- **Jul 20, 2011:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 112-220.
- **Jun 23, 2011:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 112-220.
- **Feb 7, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 7, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.