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Holocaust Rail Justice Act

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Committee Activity

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| Judiciary Committee | Senate | Hearings By (full committee) | Jun 20, 2012 |

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Related Bills

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| 112 HR 1193 | Related bill | Jun 1, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law. |

Summary (as of Mar 17, 2011)

Holocaust Rail Justice Act - Grants U.S. district courts original jurisdiction over any civil action for damages for personal injury or death that: (1) arose from the deportation of persons to Nazi concentration camps between January 1, 1942, and December 31, 1944; and (2) is brought by or on behalf of such person against a railroad that owned or operated the trains on which the persons were deported and that was organized as a separate legal entity.

Declares that: (1) no law limiting the jurisdiction of the U.S. courts shall preclude any such action; and (2) no such action shall be barred because a statute of limitations has expired. Makes this Act applicable to any action pending on or commenced after January 1, 2002.

Directs the Secretary of State to report to Congress on the status of access to wartime records and archives concerning the wartime activities of any such railroad that engaged in the deportation of such persons to Nazi concentration camps.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 20, 2012:** Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 112-551.
- **Mar 17, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 17, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.