

## S 735

### Belarus Democracy Reauthorization Act of 2011

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## Committee Activity

| Committee                   | Chamber | Activity    | Date        |
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| Foreign Relations Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Apr 6, 2011 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

International Affairs

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Belarus Democracy Reauthorization Act of 2011 - Amends the Belarus Democracy Act of 2004 to authorize assistance to promote democracy and civil society in Belarus.

Includes Internet broadcasting within the scope of support and funding for broadcasting from within and to Belarus.

Expresses the sense of Congress that the President should continue to support Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty and Voice of America broadcasting to the people of Belarus to ensure access to objective and timely information about domestic and global public affairs.

Includes among the criteria that the government of Belarus must meet in order to end U.S. sanctions the release of individuals who were jailed based on political beliefs or human rights violations in connection with the repression that attended the December 2010 presidential election.

### **Actions Timeline**

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