

S 2183

A bill entitled "United States International Programming to Ukraine and Neighboring Regions".

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: International Affairs

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Law: 113-96 (Enacted Apr 3, 2014)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. McConnell, Mitch [R-KY]

Party: Republican • **State:** KY • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 4278	Related bill	Apr 2, 2014: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the Senate passed version is repeated here.)

Directs Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL), Incorporated, and the Voice of America (VOA) service to Ukraine and neighboring regions to: (1) provide accurate and accessible news and information; (2) emphasize investigative and analytical journalism to highlight misinformation provided by Russian or pro-Russian media outlets; (3) prioritize programming to target populations and areas where access to uncensored information is limited, especially populations serviced by Russian supported media outlets; (4) increase the number of reporters and organizational presence in eastern Ukraine, especially in Crimea; (5) promote democratic processes, human rights, freedom of the press, and territorial sovereignty; (6) increase programming and content services that promote democracy to Russia; (7) prioritize programming to eastern Ukraine, including Crimea, and Moldova, and to ethnic and linguistic Russian populations, as well as to Tatar minorities; (8) prioritize news and information that contribute to the target audiences' understanding of political and economic developments in Ukraine and Moldova; (9) partner with private sector broadcasters and affiliates to increase distribution; (10) expand the use and audience of mobile news and multimedia platforms, including through Internet-based social networking platforms; and (11) provide programming content 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to target populations, including specified programming in Ukrainian, Russian, and Tatar languages.

Authorizes FY2014 appropriations for programming in the Ukrainian, Balkan, Russian, and Tatar language services of RFE/RL, Incorporated, and VOA to: (1) bolster programming to the people of Ukraine and neighboring regions, and (2) increase programming capacity and jamming circumvention technology.

Requires the Broadcasting Board of Governors to report to Congress on plans to increase broadcasts.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 3, 2014:** Presented to President.
- **Apr 3, 2014:** Signed by President.
- **Apr 3, 2014:** Became Public Law No: 113-96.
- **Apr 1, 2014:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Apr 1, 2014:** Received in the House.
- **Apr 1, 2014:** Held at the desk.
- **Apr 1, 2014:** Mr. Royce moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Apr 1, 2014:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2756-2759)
- **Apr 1, 2014:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 2183.
- **Apr 1, 2014:** 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.
- **Apr 1, 2014:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2785-2786)
- **Apr 1, 2014:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 399 - 12 (Roll no. 150).(text: CR H2756-2757)
- **Apr 1, 2014:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 399 - 12 (Roll no. 150). (text: CR H2756-2757)
- **Mar 27, 2014:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 27, 2014:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S1834-1835; text as passed Senate: CR S1834-1835; text of measure as introduced: CR S1830)
- **Mar 27, 2014:** Introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S1834-1835; text as passed Senate: CR S1834-1835; text of measure as introduced: CR S1830)