

HR 2283

Human Trafficking Prioritization Act

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Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Jul 23, 2014

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Jun 26, 2014
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 24, 2014

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 1249	Related bill	Jun 27, 2013: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Human Trafficking Prioritization Act - (Sec. 3) Expresses the sense of Congress that the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the Department of State will be more effective in carrying out duties mandated by Congress in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, and can do so without an increase in either personnel or budget, if: (1) the Office status is changed to that of a Bureau within the Department; and (2) the Office is headed by an Assistant Secretary with direct access to the Secretary of State, rather than an Ambassador-at-Large.

(Sec. 4) Amends the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to change the status of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking to that of the Bureau to Combat Trafficking in Persons.

(Sec. 5) Directs the Secretary to report to Congress:

- detailing for each current Assistant Secretary of State position the exact title and length of designation as Assistant Secretary, and whether that designation was legislatively mandated or authorized and, if so, the relevant statutory citation; and
- whether the Secretary intends to designate one of the Assistant Secretary of State positions as the Assistant Secretary of State to Combat Trafficking in Persons, and the reasons for that decision.

(Sec. 6) Amends the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to prohibit subsequent inclusion for more than one consecutive year on the special watch list of countries whose compliance with minimum standards for the elimination of human trafficking is full, partial, or insignificant if the country: (1) was included on the list for four consecutive years after enactment of the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008, and (2) was subsequently included on the exclusive Tier 3 list of countries not making significant efforts to bring themselves into compliance with such standards.

(Sec. 7) States that no additional funds are authorized to be appropriated for diplomatic and consular programs to carry out this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 24, 2014:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Jul 23, 2014:** Mr. Smith (NJ) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 23, 2014:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6730-6733)
- **Jul 23, 2014:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2283.
- **Jul 23, 2014:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6730)
- **Jul 23, 2014:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6730)
- **Jul 23, 2014:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 26, 2014:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 26, 2014:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 6, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 6, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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