

HR 3973

Faithful Execution of the Law Act of 2014

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| Rep. Jenkins, Lynn [R-KS-2] | R · KS | | Mar 7, 2014 |
| Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32] | R · TX | | Mar 7, 2014 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Judiciary Committee | House | Discharged from | Mar 4, 2014 |
| Judiciary Committee | Senate | Referred To | Mar 24, 2014 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
|--------------|----------------------|---|
| 113 HRES 511 | Procedurally related | Mar 12, 2014: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. |

Summary (as of Mar 13, 2014)

Faithful Execution of the Law Act of 2014 - Expands the circumstances under which the Attorney General is required to report to Congress regarding the enforcement of laws to include any instance in which the Attorney General, an officer of the Department of Justice (DOJ), or any other federal officer establishes or implements a policy to refrain from: (1) enforcing, applying, or administering any federal statute, rule, regulation, program, policy, or other law within the responsibility of the Attorney General or such officer; or (2) adhering to, enforcing, applying, or complying with, a final decision of any court of jurisdiction respecting the application of the Constitution, any statute, rule, regulation, program, policy, or other law within the responsibility of the Attorney General or such officer. (Currently, reports are not required with respect to the policies of other federal officers and reports concerning nonenforcement of a law are required only when the Attorney General or a DOJ officer refrains on grounds that the provision is unconstitutional.)

Requires such reports to state the grounds for policies of nonenforcement.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 24, 2014:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Mar 13, 2014:** UNFINISHED BUSINESS - The Chair announced that the unfinished business was the question on adoption of an amendment which had been debated earlier and on which further proceedings had been postponed.
- **Mar 13, 2014:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2401-2405)
- **Mar 13, 2014:** Ms. Lujan Grisham (NM) moved to recommit with instructions to the Committee on the Judiciary. (consideration: CR H2402-2404; text: CR H2402)
- **Mar 13, 2014:** Floor summary: DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Lujan Grisham motion to recommit with instructions. The instructions contained in the motion seek to report the same back to the House with an amendment to ensure that the underlying bill does not apply to information that would pose a national security risk when dealing with terrorists, drug cartels, money launderers and foreign enemies of the United States.
- **Mar 13, 2014:** The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered without objection. (consideration: CR H2403)
- **Mar 13, 2014:** On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by recorded vote: 192 - 225 (Roll no. 128). (consideration: CR H2403)
- **Mar 13, 2014:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 244 - 171 (Roll no. 129).
- **Mar 13, 2014:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 244 - 171 (Roll no. 129).
- **Mar 13, 2014:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 12, 2014:** Rule H. Res. 511 passed House.
- **Mar 12, 2014:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 511. (consideration: CR H2340-2348; text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR H2340)
- **Mar 12, 2014:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4138 and H.R. 3973. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order.
- **Mar 12, 2014:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 3973.
- **Mar 12, 2014:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 511, the House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Ellison Part B amendment no. 1.
- **Mar 12, 2014:** The previous question was ordered on the amendment and the bill pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR H2348)
- **Mar 12, 2014:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - The Chair announced that pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule 19, further consideration of H.R. 3973 would be postponed.
- **Mar 11, 2014:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 511 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4138 and H.R. 3973. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order.
- **Mar 7, 2014:** Reported by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 113-376.
- **Mar 7, 2014:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 280.
- **Mar 5, 2014:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 5, 2014:** Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 17 - 11.
- **Mar 4, 2014:** Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice Discharged.
- **Jan 30, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Jan 29, 2014:** Introduced in House
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