

## HR 5683

Ensuring Access to Justice for Claims Against the United States Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Law

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported By	Dec 8, 2014

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Law

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 2769	Related bill	<b>Jul 31, 2014:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Ensuring Access to Justice for Claims Against the United States Act - Amends the federal judicial code with respect to the jurisdiction of federal courts over civil actions pending in, or on appeal from, the U.S. Court of Federal Claims (USCFC) when the plaintiff also has pending in another federal court a civil action that includes a claim against the United States (or an agency or officer of the United States) arising from the same set of operative facts.

Requires the court presiding over the action that was filed later to stay the later action until the action that was filed first is no longer pending. (Currently, the USCFC is prohibited from having jurisdiction of any claim in which the plaintiff has pending in any other court any suit or process against the United States or any person who was acting or professing to act under the authority of the United States.)

Provides an exception to the requirement to stay the later action if: (1) the parties in each of the actions agree, or (2) the required stay is not in the interests of justice.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 8, 2014:** Reported by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 113-650.
- **Dec 8, 2014:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 488.
- **Nov 13, 2014:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 13, 2014:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Nov 12, 2014:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 12, 2014:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.