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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 2, 2014
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 2, 2014
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 18, 2014
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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 5859	Related bill	Dec 18, 2014: Became Public Law No: 113-272.
113 S 2828	Related bill	Dec 11, 2014: Held at the desk.

Ukraine Freedom Support Act of 2014 - Directs the President to impose three or more specified sanctions against:

- Rosoboronexport;
- an entity owned by the government of the Russian Federation or controlled by its nationals that transfers or manufactures or sells defense articles transferred to, Syria or into the territory of a specified country without its government's consent; or
- a person that knowingly sponsors or provides financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services to or in support of, such an entity.

Directs the President to impose three or more specified sanctions against a person that makes a significant investment in a special Russian crude oil project.

Authorizes the President to impose additional licensing requirements or other restrictions on the export of items for Russia's energy sector.

Directs the President to impose specified sanctions on Gazprom if it is withholding significant natural gas supplies from North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) member countries, or further withholds significant natural gas supplies from countries such as Ukraine, Georgia, or Moldova.

Sets forth sanctions against a foreign person, including executive officers of an entity, relating to:

- Export-Import Bank of the United States assistance,
- executive agency procurement,
- arms and dual-use item exports,
- U.S. property transactions,
- banking transactions,
- investing in or purchasing equity or debt instruments, and
- U.S. entry prohibition or visa revocation.

Excludes import sanctions from the authority to block and prohibit U.S. property transactions.

Authorizes the President to impose a prohibition on the opening, and a prohibition or the imposition of strict conditions on the maintaining, in the United States of a correspondent account or a payable-through account by a foreign financial institution that knowingly engages in significant transactions involving sanctioned persons.

Authorizes the President to provide Ukraine with defense articles, services, and training.

Directs the Secretary of State (Secretary) to submit a plan to Congress to meet the need for protection of and assistance for internally displaced persons in Ukraine.

Directs the President to use U.S. influence at United Nations (U.N.) voluntary agencies to support assistance for internally displaced persons in Ukraine.

Urges the Secretary and the Secretary of Defense (DOD) to assist Ukrainian defense sector entities reorient exports from Russian Federation customers to alternative markets in the Ukrainian defense sector that have already significantly reduced exports to and cooperation with Russian defense sector entities.

Directs the Secretary and the Secretary of Energy (DOE) to work with Ukrainian officials to develop an emergency energy assistance plan to help Ukraine address the potentially severe heating fuel and electricity shortages facing Ukraine in 2014 and 2015.

Directs the Secretary to work with Ukrainian officials to increase energy security by helping Ukraine reduce its dependence on natural gas imported from the Russian Federation.

Directs:

- the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) to prioritize support for investments to increase energy efficiency, develop domestic oil and natural gas reserves, and develop renewable energy sources in Ukraine; and
- the President to use U.S. influence to encourage the World Bank Group, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and other international financial institutions to invest in and stimulate private investment in such projects.

Directs the Secretary and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to: (1) strengthen democratic civil society in Ukraine, (2) support independent media outlets, and (3) counter government corruption and improve accountability.

Directs the Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors to submit to Congress a plan for increasing and maintaining the quantity of Russian-language broadcasting into the countries of the former Soviet Union in order to counter Russian Federation propaganda.

Directs the Secretary to: (1) improve and strengthen democratic institutions and political and civil society organizations in the Russian Federation, and (2) expand uncensored Internet and independent media access.

Expresses the sense of Congress that the President should: (1) hold the Russian Federation accountable for being in violation of its obligations under the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty, and (2) demand that the Russian Federation eliminate the military systems that constitute such violation.

States that nothing in this Act shall be construed as an authorization for the use of military force.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 18, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **Dec 2, 2014:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 2, 2014:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, Oversight and Government Reform, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.