

S 793

Organization of American States Revitalization and Reform Act of 2013

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Chamber: Senate

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Corker, Bob [R-TN]	R · TN		Apr 24, 2013
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Apr 24, 2013
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Apr 24, 2013

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Jul 24, 2013
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 13, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on September 17, 2013. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Organization of American States Revitalization and Reform Act of 2013 - States that it is U.S. policy to: (1) promote democracy, the rule of law, and human rights in the Western Hemisphere; and (2) support the practices and principles expressed in the Charter of the Organization of American States, the American Declaration on the Rights and Duties of Man, the Inter-American Democratic Charter, and other fundamental instruments of democracy.

Expresses the sense of Congress that: (1) the Organization of American States (OAS) should be the primary multi-lateral diplomatic entity for regional dispute resolution and promotion of democratic governance; (2) the Summit of the Americas process should be formally and more effectively integrated into the work of the OAS, the Inter-American Development Bank, and other Members of the Joint Summit Working Group; (3) the OAS has historically accepted too many member state mandates creating unclear priorities and loss of institutional focus; and (4) it is in the interest of the United States and the OAS and its member states to move toward an assessed fee structure that assures financial sustainability and establishes, within five years, that no member state pays more than 50% of the organization's assessed fees.

Directs the Secretary of State to submit to Congress a multiyear strategy that: (1) leads to such assessed fee structure, (2) identifies a path toward the adoption of necessary reforms that prioritize the core competencies of the OAS, (3) outlines a results-based budgeting process to prioritize current and future mandates and transparent hiring and promotion practices, and (4) reflects the inputs and coordination from other executive branch agencies.

Directs the Secretary to: (1) carry out diplomatic engagement to build support for reforms and budgetary burden sharing among OAS member states and observers, and (2) promote donor coordination among OAS member states.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 2, 2013:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 2, 2013:** Became Public Law No: 113-41.
- **Sep 26, 2013:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 26, 2013:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 25, 2013:** Resolving differences -- Senate actions: Senate agreed to House amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR 9/24/2013 S6901)
- **Sep 25, 2013:** Senate agreed to House amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR 9/24/2013 S6901)
- **Sep 18, 2013:** Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendment to Senate bill.
- **Sep 17, 2013:** Mr. Royce moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 17, 2013:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5567-5569)
- **Sep 17, 2013:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 793.
- **Sep 17, 2013:** 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.
- **Sep 17, 2013:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H5574-5575)
- **Sep 17, 2013:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 383 - 24 (Roll no. 462).(text: CR H5567-5568)
- **Sep 17, 2013:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 383 - 24 (Roll no. 462). (text: CR H5567-5568)
- **Jul 24, 2013:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 24, 2013:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 9, 2013:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 9, 2013:** Received in the House.
- **Jul 9, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
- **Jul 8, 2013:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S5529-5530; text as passed Senate: CR S5529-5530)
- **Jul 8, 2013:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S5529-5530; text as passed Senate: CR S5529-5530)
- **Jun 13, 2013:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Menendez without amendment. With written report No. 113-43.
- **Jun 13, 2013:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 87.
- **May 14, 2013:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Apr 24, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 24, 2013:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.