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No Ransom Payments Act of 2016

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 6, 2016
Intelligence (Permanent Select) Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 6, 2016
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 15, 2016
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 15, 2016
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 6, 2016

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 3285	Identical bill	Sep 6, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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This bill prohibits the President from paying final judgments, awards, or compromise settlements to Iran using specified Department of Treasury funds (specified funds) until the President certifies that: (1) Iran has returned any money from such funds paid to it by the United States after January 1, 2016, (2) Iran has satisfied all outstanding judgments against it awarded to U.S. plaintiffs by U.S. courts, and (3) individuals taken hostage and held for 444 days following the U.S. Embassy seizure in Iran on November 4, 1979, have been compensated from the United States Victims of State Sponsored Terrorism Fund.

The President must certify before providing or authorizing payment of any funds to Iran that: (1) the funds will not be used to support international terrorism, and (2) Iran or Iran-supported groups are not unjustly detaining U.S. citizens.

The President, within 60 days after enactment of this bill, shall impose property transaction and U.S. entry sanctions against any Iranian person:

- involved in the kidnapping or unjust detention of a U.S. citizen on or after March 9, 2007;
- that engages, or attempts to engage, in an activity or transaction that materially contributes to such kidnapping or unjust detentions; and
- owned or controlled by such a person, acting on behalf of such a person, or providing support for such a person.

The Director of National Intelligence shall report within 60 days on whether funds paid to Iran by the United States after January 1, 2016, have been used by Iran to support international terrorism.

The President and U.S. government officers shall not:

- make a payment to a government or person to secure the release of unjustly detained U.S. citizens (a payment to assist arrested U.S. citizens is excluded from such prohibition), or
- use specified funds to make any payment to a state sponsor of acts of international terrorism (a specific payment or a specific payee is excluded from such prohibition if Congress has passed a joint resolution waiving the application of such prohibition).

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 15, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Sep 15, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **Sep 6, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 6, 2016:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Rules, and Intelligence (Permanent Select), 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.