

## HR 5949

Victims Before Ransom Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

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**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. (Sep 7, 2016)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Lance, Leonard [R-NJ-7]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Kinzinger, Adam [R-IL-16]	R · IL		Sep 7, 2016
Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	R · TX		Sep 8, 2016
Rep. Garrett, Scott [R-NJ-5]	R · NJ		Sep 8, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 7, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

International Affairs

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 2452	Related bill	Sep 21, 2016: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on National Security and International Trade and Finance. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 114-533.

### Summary (as of Sep 7, 2016)

#### Victims Before Ransom Act

This bill prohibits the use of funds by the United States to make a payment to the government of Iran or an Iranian national relating to the settlement of any claim before the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal until the President certifies to Congress that Iran has paid all compensatory damages awarded to a U.S. person or entity in a final judgment of a federal or state court arising from an act of international terrorism for which the government of Iran was determined not to be immune from the court's jurisdiction.

## **Actions Timeline**

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