

HRES 617

Providing for authority to initiate litigation for actions by the President or other executive branch officials inconsistent with their duties under the Constitution of the United States with respect to the unlawful transfer of individuals detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Feb 23, 2016
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 23, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 23, 2016)

Authorizes the Speaker of the House of Representatives to initiate or intervene in civil actions on behalf of the House of Representatives in a federal court of competent jurisdiction to seek any appropriate relief regarding the failure of the President, the head of any department or agency, or any other executive branch officer or employee to act in a manner consistent with that official's duties under the Constitution and laws of the United States regarding the transfer of any individual detained at Guantanamo.

Directs the Speaker to notify the House of a decision to initiate or intervene in any such civil action.

States that the Office of the General Counsel of the House shall represent the House in any such civil action, and may employ outside counsel and other experts.

Defines "individual detained at Guantanamo" as any individual located at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, as of October 1, 2009, who:

- is not a U.S. citizen or a member of the Armed Forces; and
- is in the custody or under the control of the Department of Defense, or otherwise under detention at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 25, 2016:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H943)
- **Feb 23, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 23, 2016:** Referred to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, 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.