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Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Oct 10, 2018
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Nov 14, 2018
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Nov 28, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 7, 2018

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6033	Identical bill	Jun 7, 2018: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Summary (as of Jun 7, 2018)

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This bill establishes in the Department of State a permanent Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBTI (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex) Peoples who shall serve as the principal State Department advisor regarding human rights for LGBTI people and represent the United States in diplomatic matters relevant to the human rights of LGBTI people.

The special envoy shall periodically provide Congress with a U.S. global strategy to prevent and respond to criminalization, discrimination, and violence against LGBTI people. The State Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development may provide assistance to prevent and respond to such activities against LGBTI people.

The Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 is amended to require that annual country reports on human rights practices include information on criminalization, discrimination, and violence based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Actions Timeline

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