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U.S. Agency for Global Media Reform Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: International Affairs

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Latest Action: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 684. (Nov 28, 2018)

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Nov 29, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill modifies provisions regarding the coordination and assessment of U.S. public diplomacy efforts.

The bill permanently reauthorizes the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, which assesses U.S. public diplomacy efforts. Currently, the commission's authorization expires after FY2020.

The bill directs the Department of State to research and report on ways to improve U.S. public diplomacy and reduce duplicated efforts. It creates a director of research and evaluation position within the State Department's Office of Policy, Planning, and Resources for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs to oversee this research.

The bill also restructures the International Broadcasting Advisory Board. (The board advises the U.S. Agency for Global Media, the body that oversees U.S. government media outlets abroad such as Radio Free Europe and Voice of America.)

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 28, 2018:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Nov 28, 2018:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Corker with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Nov 28, 2018:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 684.
- **Nov 15, 2018:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 15, 2018:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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