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Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017, Improvements Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: International Affairs

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Corker, Bob [R-TN]

Party: Republican • **State:** TN • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Discharged From	Jul 28, 2017
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Discharged From	May 1, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill provides the House and Senate Appropriations Committees with oversight authority regarding congressional reports on: (1) high-risk diplomatic and consular posts, (2) embassy construction costs, (3) combating sexual exploitation in United Nations (U.N.) peacekeeping operations, (4) Department of State overseas staffing levels, and (5) reducing illicit drug supply and abuse in the Western Hemisphere.

The bill provides such committees with oversight authority regarding the granting of consular immunity.

The Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017 is amended regarding: (1) replacement of a specified reference to anti-Semitism with a reference to intolerance; (2) the definition of "change to the federal status" with respect to the Cuba Service and the Television Marti Service; (3) the report on the costs, strengths, and limitations of U.S. and U.N. peacekeeping operations; (4) U.N. peacekeeper training to reduce sexual exploitation; (5) the U.N. Secretary General; (6) Foreign Service entry; (7) completion of the Western Hemisphere Drug Policy Commission report; and (8) ransoms to foreign terrorist organizations.

The United States is urged to use its influence to prohibit U.N. Human Rights Council membership to a country: (1) designated as a Tier 3 human trafficking country, or (2) identified as having failed to prevent or address gross violations of human rights.

The President shall report to Congress regarding steps taken to encourage China to enter into a dialogue with the Dalai Lama, his representatives, or successor leading to a negotiated agreement on Tibet.

The bill requires inclusion of the foreign affairs committees as recipients of the report made by the State Department before implementation of any reorganization of the department or the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 18, 2017:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 18, 2017:** Became Public Law No: 115-94.
- **Dec 6, 2017:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 5, 2017:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 4, 2017:** Resolving differences -- Senate actions: Senate agreed to the House amendment to the Senate bill by Unanimous Consent.
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- **Jul 31, 2017:** Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendment to Senate bill.
- **Jul 28, 2017:** Mr. Royce (CA) asked unanimous consent to discharge from committee and consider.
- **Jul 28, 2017:** Committee on Foreign Affairs discharged.(consideration: CR H6558)
- **Jul 28, 2017:** Committee on Foreign Affairs discharged. (consideration: CR H6558)
- **Jul 28, 2017:** Considered by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR H6558-6560)
- **Jul 28, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.(text: CR H6558-6559)
- **Jul 28, 2017:** On passage Passed without objection. (text: CR H6558-6559)
- **Jul 28, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 25, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 25, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **May 2, 2017:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 2, 2017:** Received in the House.
- **May 2, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
- **May 1, 2017:** Senate Committee on Foreign Relations discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S2653-2654)
- **May 1, 2017:** Senate Committee on Foreign Relations discharged by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S2653-2654)
- **May 1, 2017:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent.
- **May 1, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S2653-2654)
- **May 1, 2017:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S2653-2654)
- **Feb 14, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 14, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.