

HR 390

Iraq and Syria Genocide Relief and Accountability Act of 2018

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Chamber: House

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Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Foreign Affairs Committee | House | Markup By | Mar 29, 2017 |
| Foreign Relations Committee | Senate | Reported By | Sep 19, 2017 |
| Judiciary Committee | House | Referred To | Jan 10, 2017 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Iraq and Syria Genocide Relief and Accountability Act of 2018

This bill authorizes U.S. government agencies to provide humanitarian, stabilization, and recovery assistance for nationals and residents of Iraq and Syria, in particular ethnic and minority individuals at risk of persecution or war crimes. It also authorizes the agencies to assist in prosecuting those suspected of such crimes.

(Sec. 5) The Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) may provide financial and technical assistance to support entities, including nongovernmental organizations with expertise in international criminal investigations and law, to address crimes of genocide, crimes against humanity, or war crimes by the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) in Iraq. The assistance includes:

- conducting criminal investigations,
- developing indigenous investigative and judicial skills to adjudicate cases consistent with due process and respect for the rule of law, and
- collecting and preserving evidence for use in prosecutions.

The State Department shall encourage foreign governments to identify and prosecute ISIS members suspected of committing such crimes.

(Sec. 6) The State Department shall identify:

- threats of persecution, crimes against humanity, and war crimes against Iraqi or Syrian minority religious or ethnic groups;
- such groups that are at risk of forced migration and the primary reasons for such risk;
- humanitarian, stabilization, and recovery needs of these individuals; and
- entities, including faith-based entities, that are providing such assistance and the extent of U.S. assistance to or through such entities.

The State Department and USAID may support entities that are providing aid to the vulnerable groups.

(Sec. 7) The State Department shall report to Congress its efforts to implement this bill, as well as an assessment of the feasibility and advisability of prosecuting ISIS members.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 11, 2018:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 11, 2018:** Became Public Law No: 115-300.
- **Nov 29, 2018:** Presented to President.
- **Nov 27, 2018:** Mr. Smith (NJ) moved that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendments. (consideration: CR H9600-9604)
- **Nov 27, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendments to H.R. 390.
- **Nov 27, 2018:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendments Agreed to by voice vote.(text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR H9600-9601)
- **Nov 27, 2018:** On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendments Agreed to by voice vote. (text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR H9600-9601)
- **Nov 27, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 12, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Oct 11, 2018:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S6876-6879)
- **Oct 11, 2018:** The committee substitute withdrawn by Unanimous Consent.
- **Oct 11, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.
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- **Sep 19, 2017:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Sep 19, 2017:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Corker with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Sep 19, 2017:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 227.
- **Jun 7, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Jun 6, 2017:** Mr. Royce (CA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jun 6, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4632-4638)
- **Jun 6, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 390.
- **Jun 6, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H4632-4633)
- **Jun 6, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4632-4633)
- **Jun 6, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 6, 2017:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 29, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 29, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jan 10, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 10, 2017:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E40)
- **Jan 10, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.