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Justice for Victims of Coronavirus Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 4, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4212	Related bill	Jul 30, 2020: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 504.
116 HR 7818	Related bill	Jul 29, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
116 S 3673	Related bill	May 11, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
116 S 3674	Related bill	May 11, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Justice for Victims of Coronavirus Act

This bill establishes various bodies to investigate and seek damages from China relating to its response to the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) outbreak. The bill also allows a foreign government to be sued in U.S. district court regarding that government's actions related to the COVID-19 outbreak.

A foreign government shall not have sovereign immunity against a lawsuit in the United States seeking money damages for physical or economic injury occurring in the United States following any reckless action or omission of that foreign government (or any official or agent of that government) that caused or substantially aggravated the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States.

The President shall establish a task force to investigate and secure damages from China's government related to China's response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

The Department of State shall form a delegation to the International Commission to Investigate the Role of the Government of the People's Republic of China in the COVID-19 Global Pandemic. The delegation shall form the commission with U.S. allies and partners.

The Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs shall establish (1) the Interagency Working Group to Quantify Harm Caused by the Government of the People's Republic of China, and (2) the Interagency Working Group to Secure Damages from the Government of the People's Republic of China.

Actions Timeline

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