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BOLIVAR Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Current Status: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 73.

Latest Action: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 73. (May 16, 2023)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Feb 2, 2023
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Feb 2, 2023
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Feb 2, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 16, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 825	Identical bill	Nov 19, 2024: Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 564.

Banning Operations and Leases with the Illegitimate Venezuelan Authoritarian Regime Act or the BOLIVAR Act

This bill temporarily prohibits an executive agency from entering into a contract for the procurement of goods or services with any person that it determines, with the concurrence of the Department of State, knowingly engages in significant business operations with the Maduro regime in Venezuela.

The bill lists exceptions, including where vital to U.S. national security or as necessary for purposes of providing humanitarian assistance, disaster relief and other urgent lifesaving measures, or to carry out noncombatant evacuations.

The prohibition shall not apply to contracts that support U.S. government activities in Venezuela or to contracts with international organizations.

The State Department may waive the requirements of this bill upon determining that to do so is in the national interest.

Actions Timeline

- **May 16, 2023:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Peters without amendment. With written report No. 118-29.
- **May 16, 2023:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 73.
- **Mar 29, 2023:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Feb 2, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 2, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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