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Justice Against Sponsors of Illicit Fentanyl Act of 2023

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Mar 21, 2023
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		Mar 21, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 9, 2023

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 2947	Identical bill	Apr 27, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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This bill allows foreign states to be sued in a U.S. court for physical injury to a person or property or death occurring in the United States as a result of fentanyl trafficking. (Typically, a foreign state is immune from lawsuits filed against it in a U.S. court.)

Specifically, a foreign state is not immune from a lawsuit seeking damages for (1) an act of fentanyl trafficking in or into the United States, or (2) a tortious act or acts regardless where the tortious act or acts occurred.

If the United States is in discussions with a foreign state that is seeking to resolve claims related to fentanyl trafficking or tortious acts, the Department of Justice may intervene and seek a stay in a case filed under this bill involving the foreign state.

Actions Timeline

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