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Independent and Objective Oversight of Ukrainian Assistance Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Feb 28, 2023
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		Feb 28, 2023
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [I-AZ]	I · AZ		Feb 28, 2023
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Mar 9, 2023
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		Mar 21, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 28, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 2552	Related bill	Jul 26, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
118 HR 2445	Related bill	Mar 30, 2023: Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Accountability, and Armed Services, 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.
118 S 651	Related bill	Mar 2, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
118 HR 855	Related bill	Feb 6, 2023: Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, and Oversight and Accountability, 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.

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The bill establishes the Office of the Special Inspector General for Ukrainian Military, Economic, and Humanitarian Aid.

The office's duties shall include (1) conducting and coordinating audits and investigations of the handing of funds made available for aid to Ukraine, and (2) monitoring and reviewing contracts and activities involving those funds.

The Special Inspector General shall report directly to, and be under the general supervision of, the Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense.

Federal agencies may not prevent the office from carrying out any audit or investigation related to aid to Ukraine. However, the office is not authorized to audit or investigate the intelligence community.

The office shall terminate 180 days after the date on which there is less than \$250 million in unexpended amounts that were made available for the reconstruction of Ukraine.

Actions Timeline

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