

HR 5826

No Paydays for Hostage-Takers Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: International Affairs

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Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (Apr 17, 2024)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]

Party: Republican • **State:** SC • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Moskowitz, Jared [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Sep 28, 2023
Del. Radewagen, Aumua Amata Coleman [R-AS-At Large]	R · AS		Oct 17, 2023
Rep. Amodei, Mark E. [R-NV-2]	R · NV		Oct 17, 2023
Rep. Baird, James R. [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Oct 17, 2023
Rep. Kean, Thomas H. [R-NJ-7]	R · NJ		Oct 17, 2023
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Oct 17, 2023
Rep. Armstrong, Kelly [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Oct 18, 2023
Rep. Mace, Nancy [R-SC-1]	R · SC		Nov 1, 2023
Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-5]	R · FL		Nov 7, 2023
Rep. De La Cruz, Monica [R-TX-15]	R · TX		Nov 14, 2023
Rep. D'Esposito, Anthony [R-NY-4]	R · NY		Jan 5, 2024
Rep. Tenney, Claudia [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Apr 15, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Oct 19, 2023
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 17, 2024
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 28, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Sep 28, 2023)

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This bill allows the President to deny a representative of the United Nations diplomatic entry to the United States if the individual is sanctioned under specified Executive Orders related to terrorism and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. Currently, the President may deny entry to a United Nations representative if the individual is found to be engaged in specified espionage or terrorist activities directed against the United States or its allies and may pose a threat to security.

The bill also requires the President to report to Congress on certain matters regarding Iran. The President must report on

- the \$6 billion transferred from restricted Iranian accounts in South Korea to restricted accounts in Qatar on August 9, 2023;
- all cases of hostage taking of a U.S. national in Iran or at the direction of Iran during the last 10 years and whether specified sanctions apply;
- blocked Iranian assets;
- international efforts to find, freeze, and forfeit assets of those connected to Iran's hostage-taking, wrongful detention, and human rights violations;
- whether the travel of U.S. persons to Iran presents an imminent danger to travelers; and
- a strategy to deter hostage-taking by U.S adversaries.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 17, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Apr 16, 2024:** Mr. Wilson (SC) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Apr 16, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2423-2426)
- **Apr 16, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5826.
- **Apr 16, 2024:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Apr 16, 2024:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2434-2435)
- **Apr 16, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 391 - 34 (Roll no. 131). (text: CR H2423-2425)
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- **Apr 16, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 19, 2023:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Oct 19, 2023:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 40 - 5.
- **Sep 28, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 28, 2023:** 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.