

S 769

U.S. Hostage and Wrongful Detainee Day Act of 2023

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: International Affairs

Introduced: Mar 9, 2023

Current Status: Held at the desk.

Latest Action: Held at the desk. (Jun 5, 2023)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]

Party: Democratic • **State:** DE • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Mar 9, 2023
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Mar 9, 2023
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 9, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Discharged From	May 31, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 2670	Related bill	Dec 22, 2023: Became Public Law No: 118-31.
118 S 2226	Related bill	Jul 27, 2023: Senate ordered measure printed as passed.
118 HR 1522	Related bill	Mar 9, 2023: Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, 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.

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This bill designates March 9 as U.S. Hostage and Wrongful Detainee Day and requests the President to issue an annual proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe it. The bill also designates the Hostage and Wrongful Detainee Flag as a symbol of the commitment of the United States to recognizing, and prioritizing the freedom of, citizens and lawful permanent residents held as hostages or wrongfully detained abroad.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 5, 2023:** Received in the House.
- **Jun 5, 2023:** Held at the desk.
- **Jun 2, 2023:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 31, 2023:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **May 31, 2023:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S1824; text: CR S1824)
- **May 31, 2023:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S1824; text: CR S1824)
- **Mar 9, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 9, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.