

## S 821

A bill to establish an Ambassador-at-Large for the Arctic Region.

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

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**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (Mar 15, 2023)

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### Sponsor

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Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Mar 15, 2023
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Mar 15, 2023
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Mar 15, 2023
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 15, 2023
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Mar 15, 2023
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		May 10, 2023

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 15, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

International Affairs

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 7727	Identical bill	<b>Mar 19, 2024:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

## Summary (as of Mar 15, 2023)

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This bill authorizes the position of Ambassador-at-Large for the Arctic Region within the Department of State. The Ambassador shall be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate.

The Ambassador is authorized to represent the United States in matters and cases relevant to Arctic affairs and shall be responsible for all matters, programs, and related activities pertaining to the Arctic region in the conduct of foreign policy by the State Department.

The Ambassador is also authorized to observe and coordinate various matters related to foreign policy in the Arctic, including energy, environment, trade, and infrastructure development and maintenance, as indicated by the State Department.

## Actions Timeline

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