



H.R. 3457 - Justice for Victims of Iranian Terrorism Act (Rep. Meehan, R-PA)

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FLOOR SCHEDULE:

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION ON OCTOBER 1, 2015, UNDER A CLOSED [RULE](#)

TOPLINE SUMMARY:

[H.R. 3457](#) would prohibit the President from lifting sanctions on Iran pursuant to the [Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action](#) (JCPOA) until the President has certified to the Congress that the government of Iran has paid each judgment against it related to the compensation to the families of victims of Iranian sponsored acts of terrorism.

COST:

No Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimate is available.

CONSERVATIVE CONCERNS:

There are no substantive concerns regarding the resolution.

- **Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?** No.
- **Encroach into State or Local Authority?** No.
- **Delegate Any Legislative Authority to the Executive Branch?** No.
- **Contain Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?** No.

DETAILED SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS:

H.R. 3457, as amended would prohibit the President from taking any actions regarding the lifting of sanctions against Iran pursuant to an agreement described in the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, ([42 U.S.C. 2160e\(a\)](#)) including the JCPOA, until the President has certified to Congress that the Government of Iran has paid each judgment against Iran entered against it since April 24, 1996. The bill prohibits President from lifting any sanction described in Annex II of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, or the sanctions described in any other agreement related to the nuclear program of Iran that includes the United States. The bill would further prohibit the President from removing a foreign person listed in Attachment 3 or Attachment 4 to Annex II of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action from the list of specially designated nationals and blocked persons maintained by the [Office of Foreign Asset Control](#) of the Department of the Treasury, until the President has certified to Congress that the government of Iran has paid each judgement.

A press release from the bill's sponsor can be found [here](#). According to the bill's sponsor, "the [Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act](#) (FSIA) as amended gives U.S. victims of state-sponsored terrorism the ability to

bring suit in U.S. courts and collect damages from those states.” More information from the Congressional Research Service on the FSIA can be found [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#). The House report accompanying H.R. 3457 can be found [here](#).

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The legislation was introduced on September 9, 2015 and was referred to the House Committees on Foreign Affairs.

ADMINISTRATION POSITION:

No statement of administration policy is available.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY:

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: This bill is enacted pursuant to Article I, Section 8.

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