

115TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION S. 447

AN ACT

To require reporting on acts of certain foreign countries on Holocaust era assets and related issues.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2	This Act may be cited as the "Justice for Uncompen-
3	sated Survivors Today (JUST) Act of 2017".
4	SEC. 2. REPORT ON HOLOCAUST ERA ASSETS AND RE
5	LATED ISSUES.
6	(a) Definitions.—In this section:
7	(1) Appropriate congressional commit-
8	TEES.—The term "appropriate congressional com-
9	mittees" means—
10	(A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
11	the Senate;
12	(B) the Committee on Appropriations of
13	the Senate;
14	(C) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
15	the House of Representatives; and
16	(D) the Committee on Appropriations of
17	the House of Representatives.
18	(2) COVERED COUNTRIES.—The term "covered
19	countries" means participants in the 2009 Holocaust
20	Era Assets Conference that are determined by the
21	Secretary of State, or the Secretary's designee, in
22	consultation with expert nongovernmental organiza-
23	tions, to be countries of particular concern relative
24	to the issues listed in subsection (b).
25	(3) Wrongfully seized or transferred.—
26	The term "wrongfully seized or transferred" in-

- 1 cludes confiscations, expropriations, nationalizations,
- 2 forced sales or transfers, and sales or transfers
- 3 under duress during the Holocaust era or the period
- 4 of Communist rule of a covered country.
- 5 (b) Report.—Not later than 18 months after the
- 6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State
- 7 shall submit a report to the appropriate congressional
- 8 committees that assesses and describes the nature and ex-
- 9 tent of national laws and enforceable policies of covered
- 10 countries regarding the identification and the return of or
- 11 restitution for wrongfully seized or transferred Holocaust
- 12 era assets consistent with, and evaluated with respect to,
- 13 the goals and objectives of the 2009 Holocaust Era Assets
- 14 Conference, including—
- 15 (1) the return to the rightful owner of any
- property, including religious or communal property,
- that was wrongfully seized or transferred;
- 18 (2) if return of any property described in para-
- graph (1) is no longer possible, the provision of com-
- 20 parable substitute property or the payment of equi-
- table compensation to the rightful owner in accord-
- ance with principles of justice and through an expe-
- 23 ditious claims-driven administrative process that is
- just, transparent, and fair;

1	(3) in the case of heirless property, the provi-					
2	sion of property or compensation to assist needy					
3	Holocaust survivors, to support Holocaust education,					
4	and for other purposes;					
5	(4) the extent to which such laws and policie					
6	are implemented and enforced in practice, including					
7	through any applicable administrative or judicial					
8	processes; and					
9	(5) to the extent practicable, the mechanism for					
10	and an overview of progress toward the resolution of					
11	claims for United States citizen Holocaust survivors					
12	and United States citizen family members of Holo-					
13	caust victims.					
14	(c) Sense of Congress.—It is the sense of Con-					
15	gress that after the submission of the report described in					

subsection (b), the Secretary of State should continue to report to Congress on Holocaust era assets and related issues in a manner that is consistent with the manner in which the Department of State reported on such matters before the date of the enactment of the Act.

Passed the Senate December 12, 2017. Attest:

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