

U.S. Senate Panel to Vote on Iran Legislation on April 14th



Washington, March 23 (RHC)-- The U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee will vote in mid-April on a controversial bill requiring U.S. President Barack Obama to submit any agreement with Iran over its nuclear enrichment program for a congressional review.

The legislation would require Obama to submit the text of any deal to Congress and would ban the White House from lifting any sanctions for a period of 60 days so that Congress could hold hearings and debate the deal. The motion dubbed the "Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act of 2015" was introduced on February 27 by right-wing Senators Bob Corker, Robert Menendez, Lindsey Graham and Tim Kaine. The legislation's authors agreed on April 14th as the voting day.

Senator Graham has described the stakes of the ongoing negotiations with Iran as important to the U.S. national security in such way that Congress should review and vote on any deal before it becomes binding. The legislation is seen as a challenge to Obama's authority over a possible nuclear deal with Tehran.

The announcement comes as negotiators from Iran and the P5+1 -- the U.S., Britain, France, China, Russia and Germany -- have reported progress ahead of a July 1 deadline for a comprehensive agreement over the Islamic Republic's nuclear program.

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