

Calendar No. 22

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**S. 505**

To prohibit the use of drones to kill citizens of the United States within
the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 7, 2013

Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. PAUL, and Mr. LEE) introduced the following bill;
which was read the first time

MARCH 11, 2013

Read the second time and placed on the calendar

A BILL

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States within the United States.

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

3 **SECTION 1. DRONES.**

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

5 (1) the term “drone” means an unmanned air-
6 craft (as defined in section 331 of the FAA Mod-

1 ernization and Reform Act of 2012 (49 U.S.C.
2 40101 note));

3 (2) the term “serious bodily injury” has the
4 meaning given that term in section 1365 of title 18,
5 United States Code; and

6 (3) the term “United States” as used in a terri-
7 torial sense, has the meaning given that term in sec-
8 tion 5 of title 18, United States Code.

9 (b) PROHIBITION.—The Federal Government may
10 not use a drone to kill a citizen of the United States who
11 is located in the United States. The prohibition under this
12 subsection shall not apply to an individual who poses an
13 imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury to an-
14 other individual. Nothing in this section shall be construed
15 to suggest that the Constitution would otherwise allow the
16 killing of a citizen of the United States in the United
17 States without due process of law.

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