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Sens. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., Cory Booker, D-N.J., and Tim Scott, R-S.C., three African-American senators, have introduced a bill to make lynching a federal crime. The bill (S.3178) was introduced on June 28, 2018 and defines the crime as "the willful act of murder by a collection of people assembled with the intention of committing an act of violence upon any person." It also classifies lynching as a hate crime that would warrant enhanced sentences.

Anti-lynching legislation has been introduced to Congress over 200 times since it was first introduced in 1918 as the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill.

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