

HR 2121

Russian Democracy Act of 2002

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: International Affairs

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: CA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Faleomavaega, Eni F. H. [D-AS-At Large]	D · AS		Jul 17, 2001
Rep. Frost, Martin [D-TX-24]	D · TX		Jul 17, 2001
Rep. Hilliard, Earl F. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Jul 17, 2001
Rep. Hoeffel, Joseph M. [D-PA-13]	D · PA		Jul 17, 2001
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Jul 17, 2001
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Jul 17, 2001
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Jul 27, 2001
Rep. Payne, Donald M. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Jul 27, 2001
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Aug 2, 2001
Rep. Ackerman, Gary L. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Nov 1, 2001
Rep. Bereuter, Doug [R-NE-1]	R · NE		Nov 1, 2001
Rep. Berman, Howard L. [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Nov 1, 2001
Rep. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Nov 1, 2001

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Nov 1, 2001
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Aug 1, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Aug 1, 2002)

Russian Democracy Act of 2002 - (Sec. 3) Declares it shall be U.S. policy to: (1) facilitate Russia's integration into the Western community of nations, including supporting the establishment of a stable democracy and a market economy within the framework of the rule of law and respect for individual rights, and including its membership in appropriate international institutions; (2) engage the Government of the Russian Federation and Russian society to strengthen democratic reform and institutions, and to promote transparency and good governance in all aspects of society, including fair and honest business practices, accessible and open legal systems, freedom of religion, and respect for human rights; (3) incorporate democratic reforms, the promotion of an independent media, and economic reforms in a broader U.S. dialogue with such Government; (4) encourage such Government to address, in a cooperative and transparent manner consistent with internationally recognized and accepted principles, cross-border issues, including the nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction, environmental degradation, crime, trafficking, and corruption; (5) consult with such Government and the Russian Parliament on the adoption of economic and social reforms necessary to sustain Russian economic growth and to ensure Russia's transition to a market economy and membership in the World Trade Organization; (6) persuade the Government of the Russian Federation to honor its commitments to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) at the November 1999 Istanbul Conference and to be a good neighbor toward other independent states of the former Soviet Union in the spirit of internationally accepted principles of regional cooperation; and (7) encourage G-8 partners and international financial institutions, including the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development to develop financial safeguards and transparency practices in lending to the Russian Federation.

(Sec. 4) Amends the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to include among activities eligible for U.S. assistance to the independent states of the former Soviet Union any activities for the promotion of democracy, rule of law, transparency, international exchanges and other forms of public diplomacy, human rights, economic reforms, administration of justice, and the development of a free and independent media in Russia. Authorizes the President to carry out specified related activities in providing such assistance to Russia.

(Sec. 5) Urges Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty and the Voice of America to use new and innovative techniques, in cooperation with local independent media sources and using local languages as appropriate and as possible, to disseminate information throughout the Russian Federation relating to democracy, free-market economics, rule of law, and human rights.

(Sec. 6) Authorizes appropriations for FY 2003.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 23, 2002:** Signed by President.
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- **Oct 23, 2002:** Became Public Law No: 107-246.
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- **Oct 11, 2002:** Presented to President.
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- **Oct 7, 2002:** Mr. Smith (NJ) moved that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendments. (consideration: CR H7109-7112)
- **Oct 7, 2002:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendments to H.R. 2121.
- **Oct 7, 2002:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendments Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H7109-7111)
- **Oct 7, 2002:** On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendments Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H7109-7111)
- **Oct 7, 2002:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 23, 2002:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 20, 2002:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S8998-9002; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S8998-8999)
- **Sep 20, 2002:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.(text as passed Senate: CR S8999-9000)
- **Sep 20, 2002:** Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent. (text as passed Senate: CR S8999-9000)
- **Aug 1, 2002:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Aug 1, 2002:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Biden with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. Without written report.
- **Aug 1, 2002:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Biden with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. Without written report.
- **Aug 1, 2002:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 543.
- **Dec 12, 2001:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Dec 11, 2001:** Mr. Bereuter moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 11, 2001:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H9108-9112)
- **Dec 11, 2001:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2121.
- **Dec 11, 2001:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H9108-9109)
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- **Dec 11, 2001:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 1, 2001:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 1, 2001:** Committee Agreed to Seek Consideration Under Suspension of the Rules, by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 12, 2001:** Introduced in House
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- **Jun 12, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1072)
- **Jun 12, 2001:** Referred to the House Committee on International Relations.