

HR 5056

Belarus Democracy Act of 2002

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: International Affairs

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • State: NJ • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Crowley, Joseph [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Jul 25, 2002
Rep. Deutsch, Peter [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Jul 25, 2002
Rep. Hoeffel, Joseph M. [D-PA-13]	D · PA		Jul 25, 2002
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Rep. Schaffer, Bob [R-CO-4]	R · CO		Jul 25, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 29, 2002
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 27, 2002
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 18, 2002
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 27, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Belarus Democracy Act of 2002 - Authorizes the President to support primarily indigenous Belarusian groups that are committed to the support of democratic processes in various activities that may include: (1) observation of elections and the promotion of free and fair electoral processes, including the development of democratic political parties; (2) development of independent media supported by nonstate-controlled printing facilities; (3) support of human rights; and (4) establishment of international exchanges and advanced professional training programs for leaders and members of democratic forces that foster the growth of civil society.

Places economic sanctions on Belarus and bars senior Belarusian leaders and their immediate relations from entering the United States. Allows sanctions to be lifted only if the Belarusian Government meets specific democratic conditions. Affirms solidarity with the democratic forces in Belarus and calls upon the Government of Belarus to permit basic freedoms and allow free, fair and transparent presidential and parliamentary elections. Calls upon the Russian Government to use its influence to encourage democratic development in Belarus so that it can become an independent state that is integrated into Europe.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Jul 29, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
- **Jul 18, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims.
- **Jun 28, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1176)
- **Jun 27, 2002:** Introduced in House
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