

## HR 189

Baseball Diplomacy Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

**Introduced:** Jan 7, 2003

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims. (Mar 6, 2003)

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### Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Jun 17, 2003
Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Jun 17, 2003
Rep. Frost, Martin [D-TX-24]	D · TX		Jun 19, 2003
Rep. Kucinich, Dennis J. [D-OH-10]	D · OH		Jul 17, 2003
Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Jul 9, 2004

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 7, 2003
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 6, 2003

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

International Affairs

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Jan 7, 2003)

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Baseball Diplomacy Act - Waives certain foreign assistance and trade and travel prohibitions against Cuba under specified Federal law with regard to certain transactions, including: (1) Cuban nationals who enter the United States on visas to play organized professional baseball; and (2) the return of their baseball earnings to Cuba. Prohibits the President from denying visas to such nationals based upon authority under the Immigration and Nationality Act to restrict any entry of aliens or class of aliens that would be detrimental to the interests of the United States. Declares that this Act shall not be affected by the economic embargo requirements against Cuba under the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 6, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims.
- **Jan 7, 2003:** Introduced in House
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