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HR 579

To lift the trade embargo on Cuba, and for other purposes.

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: International Affairs

Introduced: Feb 2, 2005

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology. **Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology.

(May 6, 2005)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Paul, Ron [R-TX-14]

Party: Republican • State: TX • Chamber: House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 2, 2005
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 25, 2005
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred to	May 6, 2005
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 17, 2005
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 3, 2005
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 2, 2005
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 17, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 208	Related bill	Jan 31, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Summary (as of Feb 2, 2005)

Amends the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and other specified Federal law to repeal the embargo placed upon all trade with Cuba.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to declare the denial of foreign tax credit inapplicable to Cuba.

Permits: (1) installation and maintenance of telecommunications equipment and facilities in Cuba, including telecommunications services between the United States and Cuba; and (2) travel to and from Cuba by U.S. citizens or residents.

Requires the U.S. Postal Service to provide direct mail service to and from Cuba.

Prohibits U.S. assistance to Cuba, including assistance by the Export-Import Bank, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and the Commodity Credit Corporation, and any exchange, reduction, or forgiveness of Cuban debt.

Actions Timeline

- May 6, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology.
- Mar 17, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere.
- Mar 2, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims.
- Feb 25, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
- Feb 17, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
- Feb 2, 2005: Introduced in House
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- Feb 2, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E137-138)
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