

## HR 5703

### Protect and Preserve International Cultural Property Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice. (Nov 24, 2014)

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## Sponsor

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## Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 13, 2014
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 13, 2014
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 24, 2014
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 13, 2014

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

International Affairs

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Protect and Preserve International Cultural Property Act - Directs the President to appoint a White House Coordinator for International Cultural Property Protection who shall coordinate and promote federal agency efforts to address international cultural property protection activities.

Directs the Secretary of State (Secretary in this Act), the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the Attorney General (DOJ), and the Secretary of Defense (DOD) to submit to the Coordinator information on efforts to protect international cultural property.

Authorizes the Department of State, DOD, USAID, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), DOJ, the Department of the Interior, the National Archives, the National Science Foundation, and any other appropriate agency to enter into agreements with the Smithsonian Institution to engage temporarily Smithsonian personnel to assist in international cultural property protection activities.

Authorizes the Secretary to make grants to private individuals or organizations for international cultural property protection activities in areas at risk of destruction due to political instability, armed conflict, or natural or other disasters.

Directs the President to apply specified import restrictions with respect to any archaeological or ethnological material of Syria as if Syria were a State Party to the Convention on prohibiting and preventing the illicit import, export, and transfer of ownership of cultural property (adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization).

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Nov 24, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Nov 13, 2014:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 13, 2014:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Armed Services, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.