

## HR 1797

### End Neglected Tropical Diseases Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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| Rep. Fattah, Chaka [D-PA-2]                 | D · PA        |      | Apr 15, 2015 |
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| Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]                  | D · CA        |      | Jan 7, 2016  |
| Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]              | D · MI        |      | Feb 12, 2016 |
| Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]            | D · MA        |      | Feb 12, 2016 |
| Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]           | D · RI        |      | Mar 15, 2016 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee                     | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Energy and Commerce Committee | House   | Referred to | Apr 17, 2015 |
| Financial Services Committee  | House   | Referred To | Apr 15, 2015 |
| Foreign Affairs Committee     | House   | Markup By   | Jan 7, 2016  |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

## Related Bills

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No related bills are listed.

## Summary (as of Apr 15, 2015)

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### End Neglected Tropical Diseases Act

This bill expands programs to address neglected tropical diseases (NTDs), which are infections caused by pathogens, including viruses, microbes, and helminths (parasitic worms), that disproportionately impact individuals living in extreme poverty, especially in developing countries.

The NTDs Program of the U.S. Agency for International Development must be expanded, including by: (1) adding morbidity management to treatment plans, (2) addressing additional NTDs, and (3) establishing a research and development program.

This bill amends the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to expand the duties of the Coordinator of United States Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally to include coordination of HIV/AIDS activities with NTD activities, particularly in areas that are highly endemic for female genital schistosomiasis, a parasitic worm disease.

The President must direct the U.S. representatives to the United Nations and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development to urge actions on NTDs, including deworming programs.

The Department of Health and Human Services must continue to promote the need for NTDs programs and activities through interagency groups and international forums.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention must report to Congress on NTDs in the United States.

This bill amends the Public Health Service Act to authorize the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases or the Health Resources and Services Administration to support one or more centers of excellence for NTD research, training, and treatment.

The National Institutes of Health must establish a panel to evaluate issues relating to worm infections, including potential solutions such as deworming medicines.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jan 7, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jan 7, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Apr 17, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 16, 2015:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E514)
- **Apr 15, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 15, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and Financial Services, 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.