

HR 2285

Prevent Trafficking in Cultural Property Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** MA • **Chamber:** House

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| Rep. Barletta, Lou [R-PA-11] | R · PA | | Jul 28, 2015 |
| Rep. Lowey, Nita M. [D-NY-17] | D · NY | | Nov 3, 2015 |
| Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-13] | D · PA | | Nov 4, 2015 |
| Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28] | D · CA | | Jan 12, 2016 |
| Rep. Barr, Andy [R-KY-6] | R · KY | | Apr 28, 2016 |
| Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1] | D · RI | | May 11, 2016 |
| Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18] | D · TX | | May 11, 2016 |
| Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2] | D · MS | | May 11, 2016 |
| Rep. Fitzpatrick, Michael G. [R-PA-8] | R · PA | | May 12, 2016 |
| Rep. Pittenger, Robert [R-NC-9] | R · NC | | May 12, 2016 |
| Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2] | D · MA | | Jun 7, 2016 |
| Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13] | D · GA | | Jul 5, 2016 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
|-----------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Finance Committee | Senate | Referred To | Sep 26, 2016 |
| Homeland Security Committee | House | Referred to | Jun 1, 2015 |
| Judiciary Committee | House | Referred to | Jun 26, 2015 |
| Ways and Means Committee | House | Referred to | May 21, 2015 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
|-------------|--------------|---|
| 114 HR 6381 | Related bill | Dec 16, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research. |
| 114 S 3538 | Related bill | Dec 9, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |

Summary (as of Sep 22, 2016)

Prevent Trafficking in Cultural Property Act

(Sec. 3) This bill declares that it is U.S. policy to: (1) ensure that Department of Homeland Security (DHS) components enhance and unify their efforts to interdict, detain, seize, and investigate cultural property illegally imported into the United States, disrupt and dismantle smuggling and trafficking networks engaged in or facilitating illegal trade in cultural property, and support prosecutions of persons engaged in such illegal trade; and (2) protect cultural property pursuant to obligations under international conventions.

(Sec. 4) It directs the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to: (1) designate a principal coordinator to direct, manage, coordinate, and update policies and procedures, and conduct interagency communications, regarding illegally imported cultural property; (2) update and devise directives, regulations, rules, and memoranda of understanding relating to policies and procedures on the illegal importation of cultural property; and (3) train relevant personnel on cultural property laws, identification of at-risk items, and investigative techniques with respect to illegally traded cultural property.

(Sec. 5) DHS must authorize relevant component heads to enter into agreements or memoranda of understanding with the Smithsonian Institution to further activities to protect cultural property.

(Sec. 6) The CBP and ICE must jointly report to Congress on implementation of this bill and other actions to prevent the illegal importation of cultural property into the United States.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 26, 2016:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
- **Sep 22, 2016:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H5837)
- **Sep 22, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 415 - 0 (Roll no. 547).(text: CR 09/20/2016 H5688-5689)
- **Sep 22, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 415 - 0 (Roll no. 547). (text: CR 09/20/2016 H5688-5689)
- **Sep 22, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 20, 2016:** Mr. Roskam moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 20, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5688-5690)
- **Sep 20, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2285.
- **Sep 20, 2016:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Sep 19, 2016:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Ways and Means. H. Rept. 114-380, Part II.
- **Sep 19, 2016:** Committee on the Judiciary discharged.
- **Sep 19, 2016:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 593.
- **Sep 14, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 14, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Dec 15, 2015:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Homeland Security. H. Rept. 114-380, Part I.
- **Nov 4, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 4, 2015:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 26, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **Jun 1, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security.
- **May 21, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
- **May 13, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **May 13, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security, 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.