

HR 2285

Prevent Trafficking in Cultural Property Act

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (19 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		May 13, 2015
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		May 13, 2015
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Jun 24, 2015
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Jun 24, 2015
Rep. Royce, Edward R. [R-CA-39]	R · CA		Jun 24, 2015
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Jun 24, 2015
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Jul 8, 2015
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)

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(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.