

## HR 3694

### STOP Organ Trafficking Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

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**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (Jun 14, 2016)

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-21]	D · FL		Oct 6, 2015
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Nov 30, 2015
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Nov 30, 2015
Rep. Bishop, Mike [R-MI-8]	R · MI		Dec 10, 2015
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Dec 11, 2015
Rep. Royce, Edward R. [R-CA-39]	R · CA		Dec 15, 2015
Rep. Walberg, Tim [R-MI-7]	R · MI		Dec 18, 2015
Rep. Coffman, Mike [R-CO-6]	R · CO		Jan 5, 2016
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Feb 23, 2016
Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Mar 22, 2016
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Apr 12, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Discharged from	Apr 13, 2016
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 14, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

International Affairs

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **Strategy To Oppose Predatory Organ Trafficking Act or the STOP Organ Trafficking Act**

(Sec. 3) This bill expresses the sense of Congress that:

- kidnapping or coercion of individuals to extract their organs for profit contradicts the standards for ethical behavior upon which the United States has based its laws;
- illegal harvesting of organs from children is a violation of the child's human rights and a breach of international medical ethical standards;
- illegal harvesting and trafficking of human organs violates the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; and
- establishing efficient national organ donation systems with strong enforcement mechanisms is the most effective way to combat trafficking of persons for the removal of their organs.

(Sec. 4) It shall be U.S. policy to: (1) combat trafficking of persons for the removal of their organs, (2) promote the establishment of voluntary organ donation systems with effective enforcement mechanisms, and (3) promote the dignity and security of human life.

(Sec. 5) The Passport Act of 1926 is amended to authorize the Department of State to refuse to issue a passport to, and revoke a previously issued passport from, a person convicted of trafficking in human organs who used a passport or otherwise crossed an international border in committing such offense.

(Sec. 6) The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 is amended to define "trafficking of persons for the removal of their organs" as the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring, or receipt of a person, either living or dead, for the purpose of removing one or more of the person's organs by:

- coercion,
- abduction,
- deception,
- fraud,
- abuse of power, or
- transfer of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of an individual having control over such person for the purpose of removing the person's organs.

"Organ" means the human (including fetal) kidney, liver, heart, lung, pancreas, bone marrow, cornea, eye, bone, and skin or any subpart thereof and any other human organ specified by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Trafficking of persons for the removal of their organs is included in the definition of "severe forms of trafficking in persons."

The Interagency Task Force To Monitor and Combat Trafficking is tasked with collecting and organizing data from human rights officers at U.S. embassies on host country's laws against trafficking of persons for the removal of their organs and any instances of violations of such laws.

(Sec. 7) The State Department shall report annually through 2024 to Congress regarding: (1) the trafficking of persons for the removal of their organs, and (2) preventive activities undertaken by the State Department and other countries.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 14, 2016:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Jun 13, 2016:** Mr. Royce moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jun 13, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3721-3724)
- **Jun 13, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3694.
- **Jun 13, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H3721-3722)
- **Jun 13, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H3721-3722)
- **Jun 13, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 20, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 20, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Apr 13, 2016:** Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights and International Organizations Discharged.
- **Feb 12, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights and International Organizations.
- **Oct 6, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 6, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.