

HR 4939

United States-Caribbean Strategic Engagement Act of 2016

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (9 total)

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Rep. Curbelo, Carlos [R-FL-26]	R · FL		Apr 18, 2016
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Apr 18, 2016
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Apr 19, 2016
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Apr 21, 2016
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Apr 21, 2016
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Apr 25, 2016
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jun 13, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Apr 20, 2016
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 7, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

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(Sec. 2) This bill declares that it is U.S. policy to increase engagement with the governments of the Caribbean region, including the private sector, and with civil society in both the United States and the Caribbean.

(Sec. 3) The Department of State shall submit to Congress a multi-year strategy for U.S. engagement to support the efforts of interested nations in the Caribbean region that:

- identifies State Department and U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) priorities for U.S. policy towards the Caribbean region;
- outlines an approach to partner with Caribbean governments to improve citizen security, reduce illicit drug trafficking, strengthen the rule of law, and improve the effectiveness and longevity of the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative (CBSI);
- encourages efforts of the region to implement regional and national strategies that improve Caribbean energy security by increasing access to all available sources of energy, including by taking advantage of the indigenous energy sources of the Caribbean and the ongoing energy revolution in the United States;
- improves diplomatic engagement with Caribbean governments;
- describes how the United States can develop an approach to supporting Caribbean countries in efforts they are willing to undertake with their own resources to diversify their economies; and
- describes ways to ensure the active participation of citizens of the Caribbean in existing program and initiatives administered by the State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

(Sec. 4) The State Department shall offer to annually brief the appropriate congressional committees on efforts to implement such strategy.

(Sec. 5) The President shall report within two years on progress made in implementing such strategy.

(Sec. 6) The Foreign Service Act of 1980 is amended to eliminate from the State Department's Foreign Service workplace report descriptions of steps taken in furtherance of compatibility and the development of uniform procedures and consolidated personnel functions.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 16, 2016:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 16, 2016:** Became Public Law No: 114-291.
- **Dec 15, 2016:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 13, 2016:** Mr. Smith (NJ) asked unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table and agree to the Senate amendment.
- **Dec 13, 2016:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection.(consideration: CR H7584-7585; text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR H7584-7585)
- **Dec 13, 2016:** On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection. (consideration: CR H7584-7585; text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR H7584-7585)
- **Dec 13, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 12, 2016:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 10, 2016:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7127-7128; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S7127-7128)
- **Dec 10, 2016:** The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 10, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 10, 2016:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 7, 2016:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Corker with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Dec 7, 2016:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 713.
- **Dec 6, 2016:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **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 H3724-3727)
- **Jun 13, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4939.
- **Jun 13, 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.
- **Jun 13, 2016:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H3730-3731)
- **Jun 13, 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): 386 - 6 (Roll no. 297).(text: CR H3724-3725)
- **Jun 13, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 386 - 6 (Roll no. 297). (text: CR H3724-3725)
- **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 by Unanimous Consent.
- **Apr 14, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 14, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.