

## HR 5063

Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act of 2016

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Rep. DeSantis, Ron [R-FL-6]	R · FL		May 10, 2016
Rep. Forbes, J. Randy [R-VA-4]	R · VA		May 10, 2016
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Rep. Hurt, Robert [R-VA-5]	R · VA		May 10, 2016
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Rep. Brat, Dave [R-VA-7]	R · VA		Jun 9, 2016
Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Jun 9, 2016
Rep. Huelskamp, Tim [R-KS-1]	R · KS		Jun 9, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 28, 2016
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 8, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Law

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HRES 843	Procedurally related	Sep 7, 2016: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
114 S 3050	Related bill	Jun 10, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Sep 7, 2016)

Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act of 2016

(Sec. 2) This bill prohibits government officials from entering into or enforcing a settlement agreement resolving a civil action on behalf of the United States that provides for a payment to any person or entity other than the United States. The bill provides exceptions to allow payments that remedy actual harm (including to the environment) caused by the party making the payment or that constitute payment for services rendered in connection with the case.

Government officials or agents who violate this prohibition may be removed from office or required to forfeit to the government any money they hold for such purposes to which they may otherwise be entitled.

Federal agencies must report annually for seven years to the Congressional Budget Office about the parties, funding sources, and distribution of funds for their settlement agreements permitted by the exceptions in this bill.

Agency inspectors general must report annually to Congress about any of their agency's settlement agreements that violate this bill.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 8, 2016:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Sep 7, 2016:** Rule H. Res. 843 passed House.
- **Sep 7, 2016:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 843. (consideration: CR H5119-5136)
- **Sep 7, 2016:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 5063 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order.
- **Sep 7, 2016:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 843 and Rule XVIII.
- **Sep 7, 2016:** The Speaker designated the Honorable Chris Stewart to act as Chairman of the Committee.
- **Sep 7, 2016:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 5063.
- **Sep 7, 2016:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 843, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Conyers amendment.
- **Sep 7, 2016:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Conyers amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Goodlatte demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **Sep 7, 2016:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 843, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Cicilline amendment.
- **Sep 7, 2016:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Cicilline amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Goodlatte demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
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- **Sep 7, 2016:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Jackson Lee amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Ms. Jackson Lee demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **Sep 7, 2016:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 843, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Gosar amendment.
- **Sep 7, 2016:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Gosar amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Gosar demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **Sep 7, 2016:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 843, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Tom Price (GA) amendment.
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- **Sep 7, 2016:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 5063.
- **Sep 7, 2016:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR H5134)
- **Sep 7, 2016:** The House adopted the amendment in the nature of a substitute as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union. (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR H5124-5125)
- **Sep 7, 2016:** Ms. Meng moved to recommit with instructions to the Committee on the Judiciary. (consideration: CR H5134-5135; text: CR H5134)
- **Sep 7, 2016:** Floor summary: DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Meng motion to recommit with instructions. The instructions contained in the motion seek to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment to add an exemption to the underlying bill for settlement agreements that reduce the cost of life-saving medical devices, such as EpiPens, through the enforcement of antitrust laws.
- **Sep 7, 2016:** The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered without objection. (consideration: CR H5135)

- **Sep 7, 2016:** On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by recorded vote: 181 - 234 (Roll no. 487).
- **Sep 7, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 241 - 174 (Roll no. 488).
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- **Sep 7, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 6, 2016:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 843 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 5063 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order.
- **Jul 18, 2016:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 114-694.
- **Jul 18, 2016:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 538.
- **May 11, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 11, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 16 - 8.
- **Apr 28, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law.
- **Apr 26, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 26, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.