

HR 5116

FREE Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Commerce

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	R · TX		Apr 28, 2016
Rep. Lance, Leonard [R-NJ-7]	R · NJ		Apr 28, 2016
Rep. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK-2]	R · OK		Apr 28, 2016
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		Sep 7, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 29, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 5510	Related bill	Dec 13, 2016: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 685.
114 S 253	Related bill	Sep 28, 2016: Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendments to Senate bill.

Freeing Responsible and Effective Exchanges Act or the FREE Act

This bill amends the Federal Trade Commission Act to permit a bipartisan majority of Federal Trade Commission (FTC) commissioners to hold a nonpublic meeting to discuss official business if: (1) no votes or actions are taken, (2) each person at the meeting is an FTC commissioner or employee, and (3) an attorney from the FTC's Office of General Counsel is present.

"Bipartisan majority" means a group of at least three commissioners that includes, for each political party of which any commissioner is a member, at least one commissioner who is a member of such political party and, if any commissioner has no political party affiliation, at least one unaffiliated commissioner.

Within two business days after such a nonpublic meeting, the FTC must disclose on its website: (1) a list of persons who attended such meeting; and (2) a summary of discussed matters, except for matters that are classified or otherwise exempt from disclosure.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 29, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade.
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