

## HR 5332

Women, Peace, and Security Act of 2016

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

**Introduced:** May 25, 2016

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (Nov 16, 2016)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/5332>

### Sponsor

---

**Name:** Rep. Noem, Kristi L. [R-SD-At Large]

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

**Cosponsors** (50 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		May 25, 2016
Rep. Royce, Edward R. [R-CA-39]	R · CA		May 25, 2016
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		May 25, 2016
Rep. Costello, Ryan A. [R-PA-6]	R · PA		Jun 21, 2016
Rep. Honda, Michael M. [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2016
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Jun 21, 2016
Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		Jun 21, 2016
Rep. Tsongas, Niki [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Jun 21, 2016
Rep. Zinke, Ryan K. [R-MT-At Large]	R · MT		Jun 21, 2016
Rep. Brooks, Susan W. [R-IN-5]	R · IN		Jun 22, 2016
Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Jun 22, 2016
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		Jun 28, 2016
Rep. Donovan, Daniel M., Jr. [R-NY-11]	R · NY		Jun 28, 2016
Rep. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Jul 5, 2016
Rep. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Jul 5, 2016
Del. Radewagen, Aumua Amata Coleman [R-AS-At Large]	R · AS		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Brown, Corrine [D-FL-5]	D · FL		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Clark, Katherine M. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-14]	D · PA		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Edwards, Donna F. [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Esty, Elizabeth H. [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Farr, Sam [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Gibson, Christopher P. [R-NY-19]	R · NY		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY-At Large]	R · WY		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Nov 14, 2016

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Roskam, Peter J. [R-IL-6]	R · IL		Nov 15, 2016
Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Nov 15, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 7, 2016
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Jun 16, 2016
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 17, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

International Affairs

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Women, Peace, and Security Act of 2016**

This bill expresses the sense of Congress that: (1) the United States should be a global leader in promoting the participation of women in conflict prevention, management, and resolution and post-conflict relief and recovery efforts; and (2) the political participation and leadership of women in fragile environments, particularly during democratic transitions, is critical to sustaining democratic institutions.

The President, not later than October 1 of 2017, 2022, and 2027, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees and make public a Women, Peace, and Security Strategy, which shall:

- be aligned with other nations' plans to improve the participation of women in peace and security processes, conflict prevention, peace building, and decision-making institutions; and
- include goals and evaluation plans to ensure strategy effectiveness.

Such a strategy shall include a specific implementation plan from each relevant federal agency.

The President is urged to promote women's participation in conflict prevention.

It is the sense of Congress that the President should: (1) provide technical assistance and training to female negotiators, peace builders, and stakeholders (non-governmental and private sector entities engaged in or affected by conflict prevention and stabilization, peace building, security, or related efforts); (2) address security-related barriers to women's participation; (3) increase women's participation in U.S.-funded programs that provide foreign nationals with law enforcement, rule of law, or military education training; (4) support appropriate local organizations, especially women's peace building organizations; and (5) expand gender analysis to improve program design.

The Department of State shall ensure that personnel responsible for, or deploying to, countries or regions considered to be at risk of undergoing, or emerging from, violent conflict obtain training in the following areas, each of which shall include a focus on ensuring participation by women:

- conflict prevention, mitigation, and resolution;
- protecting civilians from violence, exploitation, and trafficking in persons; and
- international human rights law.

The Department of Defense shall ensure that relevant personnel receive training in:

- conflict prevention, peace processes, mitigation, resolution, and security initiatives that addresses the importance of participation by women; and
- gender considerations and participation by women, including training regarding international human rights law and protecting civilians from violence, exploitation, and trafficking in persons.

The State Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development shall establish guidelines for overseas U.S. personnel to consult with stakeholders regarding U.S. efforts to:

- prevent, mitigate, or resolve violent conflict; and
- enhance the success of mediation and negotiation processes by ensuring the meaningful participation of women.

The State Department is urged to work with international, regional, national, and local organizations to increase the participation of women in international peacekeeping operations.

The State Department shall brief the appropriate congressional committees on: (1) training regarding the participation of women in conflict resolution, and (2) guidelines established for overseas personnel to engage in stakeholder consultations.

The President shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report that evaluates the implementation of such strategy and the impact of U.S. diplomatic efforts and foreign assistance programs to promote the participation of women.

### **Actions Timeline**

---

- **Nov 16, 2016:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Nov 15, 2016:** Mr. Royce moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 15, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6189-6192)
- **Nov 15, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5332.
- **Nov 15, 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 H6189-6190)
- **Nov 15, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6189-6190)
- **Nov 15, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 15, 2016:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 16, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 16, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 7, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **May 25, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **May 25, 2016:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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.