

## S 1023

### Tropical Forest Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2018

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

**Introduced:** May 3, 2017

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**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 115-440. (Jan 14, 2019)

**Law:** 115-440 (Enacted Jan 14, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/1023>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** OH • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		May 3, 2017
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		May 3, 2017
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		May 3, 2017
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		May 3, 2017
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jun 26, 2018
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Jul 24, 2018
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jul 26, 2018
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jul 31, 2018
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Sep 4, 2018

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 30, 2018

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

International Affairs

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6982	Related bill	Sep 28, 2018: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

## **Tropical Forest Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2018**

This bill reauthorizes the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through FY 2020 and expands the Act to include coral reefs as well as tropical forests. The bill also changes the name of the Act to the Tropical Forest and Coral Reef Conservation Act of 1998.

The bill authorizes to be appropriated funds for the Act's debt-for-nature swaps and debt buyback programs through FY 2020. Such programs convert reduce or convert debt obligations from eligible countries to the United States into funding for nature conservation and protection efforts in that country. The Tropical Forest Facility, an entity that administers the programs, shall be renamed the Conservation Facility.

The bill modifies the administration of agreements signed between the United States and each country that participate in the debt reduction programs. The administering body for each country that disperses grants under the Act shall have at least one U.S.-appointed individual serving in an official capacity. It also modifies the additional approval requirements for larger grants and defines such grants as those of more than \$250,000. Currently, grants of more than \$100,000 are subject to additional approval requirements.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jan 14, 2019:** Signed by President.
- **Jan 14, 2019:** Became Public Law No: 115-440.
- **Jan 2, 2019:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 21, 2018:** Mr. Royce (CA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Dec 21, 2018:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H10544-10546)
- **Dec 21, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 1023.
- **Dec 21, 2018:** 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.
- **Dec 21, 2018:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H10574)
- **Dec 21, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 332 - 43 (Roll no. 488). (text: CR H10544-10545)
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- **Dec 21, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 20, 2018:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7950-7951)
- **Dec 20, 2018:** The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 20, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote. (text: CR S7950-7953)
- **Dec 20, 2018:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote. (text: CR S7950-7953)
- **Dec 20, 2018:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 20, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 20, 2018:** Held at the desk.
- **Jul 30, 2018:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Corker with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Jul 30, 2018:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 544.
- **Jul 26, 2018:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **May 3, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 3, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.