

## S 1221

### Countering Russian Influence in Europe and Eurasia Act of 2017

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MD • **Chamber:** Senate

## Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		May 24, 2017
Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		Jun 13, 2017
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Jul 17, 2017

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 6, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

International Affairs

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 3364	Related bill	Aug 2, 2017: Became Public Law No: 115-44.
115 HR 3203	Related bill	Jul 24, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.

## **Countering Russian Influence in Europe and Eurasia Act of 2017**

This bill declares that the United States supports the "Stimson Doctrine" and thus does not recognize territorial changes effected by force, including the illegal invasions and occupations of Abkhazia, South Ossetia, Crimea, Eastern Ukraine, and Transnistria.

The bill: (1) authorizes FY2018-FY2019 assistance for the Countering Russian Influence Fund; and (2) prescribes fund use, including assisting those North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) or European Union (EU) countries that are vulnerable to Russian influence or aggression to enhance their energy security, lessen dependence on Russian energy sources, and protect their infrastructure and electoral mechanisms from cyber attack.

The Department of State shall establish a pilot program for Foreign Service officer positions focused on governance and anticorruption activities in vulnerable NATO and EU countries.

The President shall submit annual reports to Congress regarding: (1) media organizations that are controlled and funded by the Russian government and affiliated entities, and (2) Russian influence on elections in Europe or Eurasia.

The State Department shall work with the government of Ukraine to increase Ukrainian energy security and production and reduce its reliance on Russian energy imports. Authorizes FY2018-FY2019 assistance to promote Ukrainian energy security.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 6, 2017:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Corker with amendments. Without written report.
- **Jun 6, 2017:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 118.
- **May 25, 2017:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably.
- **May 24, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 24, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.