

HR 1242

400 Years of African-American History Commission Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]

Party: Democratic • **State:** VA • **Chamber:** House

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Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Feb 28, 2017
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Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Feb 28, 2017
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Feb 28, 2017
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Feb 28, 2017
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Feb 28, 2017
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Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Feb 28, 2017
Rep. Richmond, Cedric L. [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Feb 28, 2017
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Rep. Taylor, Scott [R-VA-2]	R · VA		Feb 28, 2017
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Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Mar 1, 2017
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Mar 1, 2017
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Mar 7, 2017
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Mar 7, 2017
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Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Mar 7, 2017
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Mar 16, 2017
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Mar 17, 2017
Rep. Brown, Anthony G. [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Mar 27, 2017
Rep. Lawrence, Brenda L. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Mar 27, 2017
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Mar 27, 2017

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Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9]	R · VA		Mar 29, 2017
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Mar 29, 2017
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Mar 29, 2017
Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Apr 8, 2017
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		May 1, 2017
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		May 1, 2017
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		May 1, 2017
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Rep. Lawson, Al, Jr. [D-FL-5]	D · FL		May 1, 2017
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		May 1, 2017
Rep. Nolan, Richard M. [D-MN-8]	D · MN		May 1, 2017
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		May 1, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Reported By	May 1, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 1460	Related bill	Sep 19, 2017: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 115-485.
115 S 392	Related bill	May 16, 2017: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 81.

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on May 1, 2017. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

400 Years of African-American History Commission Act

(Sec. 3) This bill establishes the 400 Years of African-American History Commission to develop and carry out activities throughout the United States to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the arrival of Africans in the English colonies at Point Comfort, Virginia, in 1619.

The commission must:

- plan programs to acknowledge the impact that slavery and laws that enforced racial discrimination had on the United States;
- encourage civic, patriotic, historical, educational, artistic, religious, and economic organizations to organize and participate in anniversary activities;
- assist states, localities, and nonprofit organizations to further the commemoration; and
- coordinate for the public scholarly research on the arrival of Africans in the United States and their contributions to this country.

(Sec. 5) The commission may provide: (1) grants to communities and nonprofit organizations for the development of programs; (2) grants to research and scholarly organizations to research, publish, or distribute information relating to the arrival of Africans in the United States; and (3) technical assistance to states, localities, and nonprofit organizations to further the commemoration.

(Sec. 7) The commission must prepare a strategic plan and submit a final report to Congress that contains a summary of its activities, an accounting of its received and expended funds, and its recommendations.

(Sec. 8) The commission shall terminate on July 1, 2020.

(Sec. 9) All expenditures of the commission shall be made solely from donated funds.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 8, 2018:** Signed by President.
- **Jan 8, 2018:** Became Public Law No: 115-102.
- **Dec 27, 2017:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 22, 2017:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 21, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S8267-8269)
- **Dec 21, 2017:** Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S8267-8269)
- **May 2, 2017:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **May 1, 2017:** Reported by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H. Rept. 115-105.
- **May 1, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 62.
- **May 1, 2017:** Mr. Comer moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 1, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2985-2987)
- **May 1, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1242.
- **May 1, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H2985-2986)
- **May 1, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2985-2986)
- **May 1, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 28, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 28, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Feb 28, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 28, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.