

S 1359

John F. Kennedy Center Reauthorization Act of 2017

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Arts, Culture, Religion

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Current Status: Held at the desk.

Latest Action: Held at the desk. (Sep 7, 2017)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Jun 14, 2017
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jun 14, 2017
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jun 14, 2017
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Sep 6, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Reported By	Aug 3, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Arts, Culture, Religion

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the Senate reported version is repeated here.)

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the John F. Kennedy Center Act to reauthorize appropriations for FY2018-FY2021 for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for: (1) maintenance, repair, and security; and (2) capital projects.

(Sec. 3) The bill expresses the sense of Congress that the center should: (1) recognize 2018 as the 60th anniversary of the National Cultural Center Act (now known as the John. F. Kennedy Center Act), and (2) establish commemorative displays during such year honoring the history of such Act.

The bill directs that a plaque be placed within the center that contains an inscription to commemorate such anniversary. The center must solicit private contributions for the plaque.

(Sec. 4) The bill expresses the sense of Congress that the center should: (1) recognize 2021 as the 50th anniversary of its opening, and (2) commemorate its mission as a national center for the performing arts and as a national memorial to President John. F. Kennedy. The center may create displays and programs that memorialize its opening in 1971 and its programmatic legacy.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 7, 2017:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 7, 2017:** Received in the House.
- **Sep 7, 2017:** Held at the desk.
- **Sep 6, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S5020; text as passed Senate: CR S5020)
- **Sep 6, 2017:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S5020; text as passed Senate: CR S5020)
- **Aug 3, 2017:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Reported by Senator Barrasso without amendment. With written report No. 115-144.
- **Aug 3, 2017:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 201.
- **Jul 12, 2017:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jun 14, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 14, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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