

HR 1689

Private Property Rights Protection Act of 2017

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

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Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Jul 24, 2018)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-8]	R · PA		Mar 22, 2017
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Mar 22, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 6, 2017
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 24, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Private Property Rights Protection Act of 2017

This bill prohibits a state or political subdivision from exercising its power of eminent domain, or allowing the exercise of such power by delegation, over property to be used for economic development or over property that is used for economic development within seven years after that exercise, if the state or political subdivision receives federal economic development funds during any fiscal year in which the property is so used or intended to be used.

The bill also prohibits the federal government from exercising its power of eminent domain for economic development.

Private property owners or tenants suffering injury as a result of a violation of this bill may: (1) bring private actions, or (2) notify the Department of Justice (DOJ). DOJ must investigate notices of alleged violations, provide the government authority with 90 days to cure any violations that exist, and bring actions to enforce this bill if the government is still in violation after the 90-day period. DOJ must also intervene in private actions if necessary to enforce this bill.

The bill prohibits: (1) state immunity in federal or state court, and (2) actions from being brought after the statute of limitation period of seven years following the conclusion of any condemnation proceedings.

DOJ must disseminate to states and the public information on: (1) the rights of property owners and tenants under this bill, and (2) the federal laws under which federal economic development funds are distributed.

The bill prohibits the federal government, or a state or political subdivision receiving federal economic development funds during any fiscal year, from exercising the power of eminent domain over property of a religious or other nonprofit organization because of the organization's nonprofit or tax-exempt status or any related quality.

If a court determines that a violation of this bill has a disproportionately high impact on the poor or minorities, DOJ must make efforts to locate former owners and tenants to inform them of the violation and any possible remedies.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 24, 2018:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Jul 23, 2018:** Reported by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 115-859.
- **Jul 23, 2018:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 666.
- **Jul 23, 2018:** Mr. Sensenbrenner moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jul 23, 2018:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6610-6616)
- **Jul 23, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1689.
- **Jul 23, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6610-6612)
- **Jul 23, 2018:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6610-6612)
- **Jul 23, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 25, 2018:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 25, 2018:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 6, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Mar 22, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 22, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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