

HR 1872

Reciprocal Access to Tibet Act of 2018

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Sponsor

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

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Capuano, Michael E. [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Apr 4, 2017
Rep. Clark, Katherine M. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Apr 4, 2017
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Apr 4, 2017
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Apr 4, 2017
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		Apr 4, 2017
Rep. Ellison, Keith [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Apr 4, 2017
Rep. Hultgren, Randy [R-IL-14]	R · IL		Apr 4, 2017
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Apr 4, 2017
Rep. Kennedy, Joseph P., III [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Apr 4, 2017
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Apr 4, 2017
Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		Apr 4, 2017
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Apr 4, 2017
Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Apr 4, 2017
Rep. Rohrabacher, Dana [R-CA-48]	R · CA		Apr 4, 2017
Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Apr 4, 2017
Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]	R · UT		Apr 4, 2017
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Apr 4, 2017
Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5]	R · WI		Apr 12, 2017
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		May 1, 2017
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		May 1, 2017
Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [R-FL-27]	R · FL		May 1, 2017
Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-25]	D · NY		May 1, 2017
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		May 1, 2017
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Jun 7, 2017
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Jun 7, 2017
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Jun 7, 2017
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-35]	D · TX		Jun 7, 2017
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Jun 7, 2017
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Jun 7, 2017
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Jun 7, 2017
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Jun 7, 2017
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Jul 13, 2017
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Jul 13, 2017
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Jul 13, 2017
Rep. Nolan, Richard M. [D-MN-8]	D · MN		Jul 13, 2017
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Jul 13, 2017
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Jul 13, 2017
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Jul 13, 2017
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Oct 3, 2017
Rep. Franks, Trent [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Oct 3, 2017
Rep. Lowey, Nita M. [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Oct 3, 2017

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Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Oct 3, 2017
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		Dec 1, 2017
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Dec 1, 2017
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Mar 26, 2018
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Mar 26, 2018
Rep. Faso, John J. [R-NY-19]	R · NY		Apr 13, 2018
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Apr 13, 2018
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Jun 12, 2018
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Jun 12, 2018
Rep. Tenney, Claudia [R-NY-22]	R · NY		Jun 12, 2018
Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Jul 24, 2018
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jul 24, 2018
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Jul 24, 2018
Rep. Ratcliffe, John [R-TX-4]	R · TX		Jul 24, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	May 18, 2017
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Nov 29, 2018
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 1, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Reciprocal Access to Tibet Act of 2018

This bill requires the Department of State to report to Congress annually regarding the level of access Chinese authorities granted U.S. diplomats, journalists, and tourists to Tibetan areas in China. Such assessment shall include:

- a comparison with the level of access granted to other areas of China,
- a comparison between the levels of access granted to Tibetan and non-Tibetan areas in relevant provinces,
- a comparison of the level of access in the reporting year and the previous year, and
- a description of the measures that impede the freedom to travel in Tibetan areas.

No individual who is substantially involved in the formulation or execution of policies related to access for foreigners to Tibetan areas may enter the United States if:

- the requirement that foreigners must receive official permission to enter the Tibet Autonomous Region remains in effect, or has been replaced by a similar regulation that also requires foreigners to gain a level of permission to enter the Tibet Autonomous Region that is not required for other provinces; and
- travel restrictions on U.S. diplomats, officials, journalists, and citizens to Tibet Autonomous areas in Sichuan, Qinghai, Yunnan, and Gansu Provinces are greater than travel restrictions to other areas.

The State Department shall report to Congress annually, identifying individuals who were blocked from U.S. entry during the preceding year and a list of Chinese officials who were substantially involved in the formulation or execution of policies to restrict the access of U.S. diplomats, journalists, and citizens to Tibetan areas.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 19, 2018:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 19, 2018:** Became Public Law No: 115-330.
- **Dec 13, 2018:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 12, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 11, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S7453)
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- **Nov 29, 2018:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Corker without amendment. Without written report.
- **Nov 29, 2018:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 701.
- **Nov 28, 2018:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Sep 26, 2018:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Sep 25, 2018:** Mr. Rutherford moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 25, 2018:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8849-8853)
- **Sep 25, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1872.
- **Sep 25, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H8849-8850)
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- **Sep 25, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 25, 2018:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 25, 2018:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 25, 2018:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **May 18, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific.
- **May 2, 2017:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H3005-3006)
- **May 1, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **Apr 4, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 4, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.