

HR 1918

Nicaragua Human Rights and Anticorruption Act of 2018

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [R-FL-27]

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

Cosponsors (25 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Apr 5, 2017
Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-13]	D · PA		Apr 5, 2017
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Apr 5, 2017
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		Apr 5, 2017
Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Apr 5, 2017
Rep. Curbelo, Carlos [R-FL-26]	R · FL		Apr 5, 2017
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Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Apr 5, 2017
Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-25]	R · FL		Apr 5, 2017
Rep. Donovan, Daniel M., Jr. [R-NY-11]	R · NY		Apr 5, 2017
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Apr 5, 2017
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Apr 5, 2017
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Apr 5, 2017
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Apr 5, 2017
Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Apr 5, 2017
Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Apr 5, 2017
Rep. Rooney, Francis [R-FL-19]	R · FL		Apr 5, 2017
Rep. Rooney, Thomas J. [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Apr 5, 2017
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Apr 5, 2017
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Apr 5, 2017
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Apr 5, 2017
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Apr 5, 2017
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Apr 5, 2017
Rep. Yoho, Ted S. [R-FL-3]	R · FL		Apr 5, 2017
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Jul 27, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 5, 2017
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	May 18, 2017
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Nov 27, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 2265	Related bill	Dec 21, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
115 S 972	Related bill	Apr 27, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Nicaragua Human Rights and Anticorruption Act of 2018

This bill imposes restrictions and sanctions on institutions and individuals responsible for the Nicaraguan government's violence and infringement of the civil rights of protesters.

The Department of the Treasury shall take action to restrict international financial institutions, including those affiliated with the World Bank Group and the Inter-American Development Bank, from extending financial or technical assistance to Nicaragua's government and to develop policies for future lending that will advance human rights in the country.

The President shall impose sanctions on foreign persons responsible for acts of corruption, significant human rights violations, violence against protesters in Nicaragua, or provided material support to such actions. Sanctions include blocking the assets of sanctioned individuals and barring them from entry into the United States.

The Department of State shall report to Congress about various topics, including Nicaragua's efforts strengthening the rule of law and democratic governance, combatting corruption, and protecting human rights. The President may temporarily waive the sanctions if the State Department certifies that Nicaragua has taken effective steps on these issues. The President may also waive the sanctions if it is in the national interests of the United States to do so.

The bill also directs the State Department devise a strategy for engaging Nicaragua's civil society to strengthen human rights protections and anti-corruption efforts.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 20, 2018:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 20, 2018:** Became Public Law No: 115-335.
- **Dec 13, 2018:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 11, 2018:** Mr. Royce (CA) asked unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's Table and agree to the Senate amendment. (consideration: CR H10077-10078)
- **Dec 11, 2018:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection.(text: CR H10077-10078)
- **Dec 11, 2018:** On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection. (text: CR H10077-10078)
- **Dec 11, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 28, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 27, 2018:** Senate Committee on Foreign Relations discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 27, 2018:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7143-7144)
- **Nov 27, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.
- **Nov 27, 2018:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.
- **Oct 4, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Oct 3, 2017:** Mr. Royce (CA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Oct 3, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7700-7704)
- **Oct 3, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1918.
- **Oct 3, 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 H7700-7702)
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- **Oct 3, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 27, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 27, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **May 24, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 24, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **May 18, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere.
- **Apr 5, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 5, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, 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.