

HR 2061

North Korean Human Rights Reauthorization Act of 2017

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (16 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Apr 6, 2017
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Apr 6, 2017
Rep. Yoho, Ted S. [R-FL-3]	R · FL		Apr 6, 2017
Rep. Murphy, Stephanie N. [D-FL-7]	D · FL		May 4, 2017
Rep. Hanabusa, Colleen [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Jun 6, 2017
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Jun 7, 2017
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Jun 26, 2017
Rep. Green, Gene [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Jun 29, 2017
Rep. Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-49]	R · CA		Jun 29, 2017
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Jul 26, 2017
Rep. Curbelo, Carlos [R-FL-26]	R · FL		Jul 26, 2017
Rep. Donovan, Daniel M., Jr. [R-NY-11]	R · NY		Jul 26, 2017
Rep. Royce, Edward R. [R-CA-39]	R · CA		Jul 26, 2017
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		Jul 26, 2017
Del. Radewagen, Aumua Amata Coleman [R-AS-At Large]	R · AS		Sep 25, 2017
Rep. Hice, Jody B. [R-GA-10]	R · GA		Sep 25, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Jul 27, 2017
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Apr 24, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 1118	Related bill	Dec 11, 2017: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 280.

Summary (as of Jul 20, 2018)

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(Sec. 4) This bill provides for increased dissemination of news and information access to North Korea.

The North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004 is amended to include news rebroadcasting in supported broadcasting to North Korea.

(Sec. 5) The President may: (1) distribute or provide grants to distribute information receiving devices, electronically readable devices, and other informational sources into North Korea; and (2) provide grants to develop and distribute new products or methods to allow North Koreans easier access to outside information.

The Broadcasting Board of Governors may broadcast American, Korean, Chinese, and other popular music, television, movies, and popular cultural references as part of its programming.

The board shall broadcast to North Korea in the Korean language information on rights, laws, and freedoms afforded through the North Korean Constitution and through human rights treaties or other international agreements.

The bill urges that information access efforts should include religious communities and be coordinated with the Office of International Religious Freedom.

(Sec. 7) The President may provide grants for research on North Korea's denial of human rights.

The bill extends through FY2022: (1) programs that promote human rights, democracy, the rule of law, and the development of a market economy in North Korea; (2) actions to promote freedom of information in North Korea; and (3) humanitarian assistance to North Koreans who are outside of North Korea without the permission of the government.

The bill extends through 2022 annual reporting requirements regarding: (1) freedom of information, (2) North Korean human rights issues, (3) U.S. humanitarian assistance inside North Korea and to North Koreans outside of North Korea, and (4) the number of North Koreans seeking refugee status or political asylum in the United States.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 20, 2018:** Signed by President.
- **Jul 20, 2018:** Became Public Law No: 115-198.
- **Jul 10, 2018:** Presented to President.
- **Jun 27, 2018:** Ms. Ros-Lehtinen asked unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table and agree to the Senate amendment. (consideration: CR H5787-5788)
- **Jun 27, 2018:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection.(text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR H5787-5788)
- **Jun 27, 2018:** On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection. (text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR H5787-5788)
- **Jun 27, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 25, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Apr 24, 2018:** Senate Committee on Foreign Relations discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Apr 24, 2018:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S2396)
- **Apr 24, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Apr 24, 2018:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 26, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Sep 25, 2017:** Mr. Royce (CA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 25, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7441-7444)
- **Sep 25, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2061.
- **Sep 25, 2017:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Sep 25, 2017:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H7473-7474)
- **Sep 25, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 415 - 0 (Roll no. 531).(text: CR H7441-7442)
- **Sep 25, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 415 - 0 (Roll no. 531). (text: CR H7441-7442)
- **Sep 25, 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.
- **Apr 6, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 6, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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