

HR 2200

Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2018

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Rep. Costello, Ryan A. [R-PA-6]	R · PA		Apr 27, 2017
Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-21]	D · FL		Apr 27, 2017
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Apr 27, 2017
Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Apr 27, 2017
Rep. Royce, Edward R. [R-CA-39]	R · CA		Apr 27, 2017
Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Apr 27, 2017
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		May 3, 2017
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		May 3, 2017
Rep. Donovan, Daniel M., Jr. [R-NY-11]	R · NY		May 16, 2017
Rep. Jenkins, Lynn [R-KS-2]	R · KS		May 17, 2017
Rep. Meehan, Patrick [R-PA-7]	R · PA		May 17, 2017
Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA		May 22, 2017
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Jun 7, 2017
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Jun 7, 2017
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Jun 15, 2017
Rep. Heck, Denny [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Jun 15, 2017
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Jun 15, 2017
Rep. Gabbard, Tulsi [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Jun 28, 2017
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Jun 28, 2017
Rep. Comstock, Barbara [R-VA-10]	R · VA		Jul 11, 2017
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Jul 11, 2017
Rep. Messer, Luke [R-IN-6]	R · IN		Jul 11, 2017
Rep. Noem, Kristi L. [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		Jul 11, 2017
Rep. Young, David [R-IA-3]	R · IA		Jul 11, 2017
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Jul 12, 2017
Rep. Paulsen, Erik [R-MN-3]	R · MN		Jul 12, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 27, 2017
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 27, 2017
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 28, 2017
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	May 3, 2017
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 10, 2018
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 3, 2017
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 3, 2017
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 27, 2017
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 28, 2017
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 27, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6899	Related bill	Sep 26, 2018: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
115 S 3504	Related bill	Sep 26, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S6343-6346)
115 HR 1191	Related bill	Feb 16, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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This bill establishes programs to combat human trafficking, forced labor, and the use of child soldiers. It also modifies existing programs to address such issues.

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) may award grants to local educational agencies to educate school staff on how to recognize and respond to signs of labor and sex trafficking, and to educate students on how to avoid becoming trafficking victims.

The Department of State shall ensure that each diplomatic or consular post has a designated employee to receive information from severe trafficking victims or information about such victims. The information shall be transmitted to the relevant agencies, and the designated employee shall coordinate with foreign government and groups to provide support to the victims.

Domestic air carriers that contract to provide air transportation to the federal government shall report annually various information related to human trafficking. Such information shall include the number of carrier personnel that are trained in detecting and reporting potential trafficking, and the number of notifications of potential human trafficking victims the carrier has received.

The bill directs various government agencies, including the State Department and the Department of Labor, to annually report to the General Services Administration information related to efforts to ensure compliance with various laws and regulations relating to human trafficking. The report shall also contain information on investigations into contractors that may have violated such laws and regulations.

Federal Acquisition Institute courses for the acquisition workforce shall contain material on law and regulations relating to human trafficking and federal government contracting.

The Department of Justice may make grants for programs to designate a prosecutor for cases involving severe human trafficking.

The State Department shall suspend issuing visas for domestic workers hired by individuals affiliated with an international organization or foreign diplomatic mission, if there is an unpaid judgment related to human trafficking against a person affiliated with that mission. The State Department shall suspend issuing such A-3 or G-5 visas to individuals affiliated with that mission, if the mission refuses to waive diplomatic immunity in a prosecution involving human trafficking.

The bill also gives the President authority to investigate or impose sanctions on foreign government officials who participate in or condone severe forms of human trafficking for significant financial gain.

The Government Accountability Office shall report to Congress on obstacles to enforcing the prohibition against the importation of goods made by convicts or using forced labor. The report shall address topics including best practices for private employers to comply with the law and federal efforts to enforce the prohibition.

Labor shall, in its public list of goods believed to be produced using forced or child labor, include goods that are produced with inputs made with forced or child labor.

The State Department shall report to Congress annually on its practices and strategies to combat human trafficking in

post-conflict or post-disaster areas. It shall also report to Congress on countries that have a workforce that is more than 80% nationals from other countries. The report shall assess each country's progress toward implementing the recommendations from the State Department's most recent Trafficking in Persons Report.

The U.S. Agency for International Development shall report annually to Congress on its expenditures and grants for programs to combat human trafficking and forced labor.

The bill expands the definition of a "child soldier" as used in the Child Soldiers Prevention Act of 2008 to include minors who take part in hostilities as part of police forces or other security forces or recruited into such forces. It also modifies various reporting requirements on issues involving child soldiers.

The State Department shall elevate the issue of child sexual assault by Afghan security forces at the Ministerial Conference on Afghanistan, scheduled for November 27-28, 2018. The Department of Defense shall report to Congress on efforts to establish a mechanism to allow U.S. personnel to report on child sexual abuse by Afghan security forces that work with or are trained by the United States.

The bill reauthorizes through FY2021 various programs for combatting human trafficking.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 8, 2019:** Signed by President.
- **Jan 8, 2019:** Became Public Law No: 115-425.
- **Dec 27, 2018:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 21, 2018:** Mr. Royce (CA) moved that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment. (consideration: CR H10539-10544)
- **Dec 21, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2200.
- **Dec 21, 2018:** 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.
- **Dec 21, 2018:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 368 - 7 (Roll no. 487).(text as House agree to Senate amendment: CR H10539-10543)
- **Dec 21, 2018:** On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 368 - 7 (Roll no. 487). (text as House agree to Senate amendment: CR H10539-10543)
- **Dec 21, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 18, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 17, 2018:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7631-7636; text as reported in Senate: CR S7631-7636)
- **Dec 17, 2018:** The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent. (CR S7631-7636)
- **Dec 17, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.
- **Dec 17, 2018:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.
- **Oct 10, 2018:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Corker with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Oct 10, 2018:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 628.
- **Sep 26, 2018:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jul 13, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Jul 12, 2017:** Mr. Royce (CA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 12, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5492-5503)
- **Jul 12, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2200.
- **Jul 12, 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 H5492-5497)
- **Jul 12, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5492-5497)
- **Jul 12, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 3, 2017:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E590)
- **May 3, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 3, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **May 3, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **May 3, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **Apr 28, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 28, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
- **Apr 27, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 27, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Oversight and Government Reform, Ways and Means, Transportation and Infrastructure, Energy and Commerce, Armed Services, and Education and the Workforce, 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.