

HR 2484

Women, Peace, and Security Act of 2017

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Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		May 17, 2017
Rep. Royce, Edward R. [R-CA-39]	R · CA		May 17, 2017
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		May 17, 2017
Rep. Donovan, Daniel M., Jr. [R-NY-11]	R · NY		May 24, 2017
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		May 24, 2017
Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]	R · TX		May 24, 2017
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		May 24, 2017
Rep. Brooks, Susan W. [R-IN-5]	R · IN		Jun 6, 2017
Rep. Costello, Ryan A. [R-PA-6]	R · PA		Jun 6, 2017
Rep. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Jun 6, 2017
Rep. Torres, Norma J. [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Jun 6, 2017
Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Jun 6, 2017
Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Jun 6, 2017
Rep. Dent, Charles W. [R-PA-15]	R · PA		Jun 8, 2017
Rep. Bishop, Mike [R-MI-8]	R · MI		Jun 15, 2017
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Jun 20, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	May 17, 2017
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	May 25, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 1141	Identical bill	Oct 6, 2017: Became Public Law No: 115-68.

Summary (as of Jun 20, 2017)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

Women, Peace, and Security Act of 2017

(Sec. 3) This bill expresses the sense of Congress that: (1) the United States should be a global leader in promoting the participation of women in conflict prevention, management, and resolution and post-conflict relief and recovery efforts; and (2) the political participation and leadership of women in fragile environments, particularly during democratic transitions, is critical to sustaining democratic institutions.

(Sec. 4) The bill declares that it shall be U.S. policy to promote the meaningful participation of women in all aspects of overseas conflict prevention, management, and resolution, and post-conflict relief and recovery efforts.

(Sec. 5) The President, by one year after this bill's enactment and four years thereafter, shall submit to Congress and make public a Women, Peace, and Security Strategy, which shall:

- be aligned with other countries' plans to improve the participation of women in peace and security processes, conflict prevention, peace building, and decision-making institutions;
- include goals and evaluation plans to ensure strategy effectiveness; and
- include a specific implementation plan from each relevant federal agency.

The President is urged to promote women's participation in conflict prevention, in coordination with international partners.

(Sec. 6) The Department of State and the Department of Defense (DOD) shall ensure that specified personnel receive training in conflict prevention, mitigation, and resolution and on other related topics.

(Sec. 7) The State Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) may establish guidelines for overseas U.S. personnel to consult with appropriate stakeholders regarding U.S. efforts to: (1) prevent, mitigate, or resolve violent conflict; and (2) enhance the success of mediation and negotiation processes by ensuring the meaningful participation of women.

The State Department is urged to work with international, regional, national, and local organizations to increase the participation of women in international peacekeeping operations.

(Sec. 8) The State Department, in conjunction with USAID and DOD and within a year of the first submission of the strategy, shall brief Congress on existing, enhanced, or newly established training carried out pursuant to this bill. The President, within two years of the submission of each strategy, shall report to Congress regarding its implementation.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 21, 2017:** Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 152.
- **Jun 20, 2017:** Mr. Royce (CA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jun 20, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4970-4974)
- **Jun 20, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2484.
- **Jun 20, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H4970-4972)
- **Jun 20, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4970-4972)
- **Jun 20, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 25, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 25, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **May 17, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **May 17, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed 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.