

## HRES 268

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the trafficking of illicit fentanyl into the United States from Mexico and China.

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

**Introduced:** Apr 6, 2017

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere. (May 18, 2017)

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| Rep. Comstock, Barbara [R-VA-10] | R · VA        |      | May 4, 2017 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                     | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Energy and Commerce Committee | House   | Referred to | Apr 7, 2017  |
| Foreign Affairs Committee     | House   | Referred to | May 18, 2017 |
| Foreign Affairs Committee     | House   | Referred to | May 18, 2017 |
| Judiciary Committee           | House   | Referred to | Apr 21, 2017 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

International Affairs

### Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship   | Last Action                                                                                                     |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 115 SRES 83 | Identical bill | <b>Mar 15, 2017:</b> Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. |
| 115 SRES 10 | Identical bill | <b>Jan 10, 2017:</b> Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.                                            |

Expresses the sense of the Senate that:

- the use of illicit fentanyl in the United States and the resulting overdose deaths are a public health crisis;
- the trafficking of illicit fentanyl into the United States, especially by transnational criminal organizations, is a problem that requires close cooperation between the U.S. government and the governments of Mexico and China; and
- all three such countries have a shared interest in, and responsibility for, stopping the production of illicit fentanyl and its trafficking into the United States.

Calls for the United States to:

- support the efforts by the governments of Mexico and China to stop such production and trafficking into the United States;
- take further measures to reduce and prevent heroin and fentanyl consumption through enhanced enforcement to reduce the illegal supply and increased use of evidence-based prevention, treatment, and recovery services; and
- use its broad diplomatic and law enforcement resources, in partnership with the governments of China and Mexico, to stop such production and trafficking.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 18, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific.
- **May 18, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere.
- **Apr 21, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **Apr 7, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 6, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 6, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Energy and Commerce, 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.

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