

HR 2966

United States-Cuba Normalization Act of 2017

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** IL • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 20, 2017
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 23, 2017
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Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 20, 2017
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 20, 2017
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 20, 2017
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 29, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 1699	Related bill	Aug 1, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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This bill repeals the embargo on trade with Cuba.

The bill: (1) makes ineffective certain prohibitions on exports to Cuba; (2) extends nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations) to Cuban products; (3) prohibits regulation or banning of travel to and from Cuba, or of any transactions incident to such travel, by U.S. citizens or residents; and (4) repeals the President's authority to continue direct restrictions on trade with Cuba.

The President shall take steps necessary to: (1) conduct negotiations with Cuba on settling claims of U.S. nationals for the taking of property by the Cuban government, and (2) engage in bilateral dialogue with Cuba on securing the protection of internationally recognized human rights.

The President may establish specified export controls and trade restrictions with respect to Cuba as of the effective date of this bill.

The President may impose export controls and exercise certain emergency economic authorities with respect to Cuba only if there is an unusual threat to U.S. national security.

The bill repeals: (1) the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992, (2) the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996, (3) the prohibition against allocation of the annual sugar quota to a country unless such country verifies that it does not import Cuban sugar for reexport to the United States, and (4) the prohibition on transactions or payments respecting certain U.S. intellectual property.

Cuba is removed from the list of state sponsors of terrorism subject to agricultural and medical export restrictions.

Common carriers may provide telecommunications services, including installations and repairs, between the United States and Cuba.

The Department of the Treasury may not limit the amount of remittances to Cuba that may be made by any person subject to U.S. jurisdiction.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 29, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
- **Jun 23, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.
- **Jun 23, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection.
- **Jun 20, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 20, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce, the Judiciary, Agriculture, and 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.