

HR 3301

CLASSICS Act

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Policy Area: Commerce

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-49]

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

Cosponsors (44 total)

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Rep. Richmond, Cedric L. [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Feb 8, 2018
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Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Feb 13, 2018
Rep. Gaetz, Matt [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Feb 14, 2018
Rep. Johnson, Mike [R-LA-4]	R · LA		Feb 14, 2018
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Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Feb 20, 2018
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Rep. Ross, Dennis A. [R-FL-15]	R · FL		Feb 27, 2018
Rep. Trott, David A. [R-MI-11]	R · MI		Feb 27, 2018

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Buck, Ken [R-CO-4]	R · CO		Mar 19, 2018
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Mar 19, 2018
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Mar 19, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 19, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 2823	Related bill	Sep 17, 2018: By Senator Grassley from Committee on the Judiciary filed written report. Report No. 115-339.
115 S 2393	Identical bill	May 15, 2018: Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held.
115 HR 5447	Related bill	Apr 26, 2018: Received in the Senate.

Summary (as of Jul 19, 2017)

Compensating Legacy Artists for their Songs, Service, and Important Contributions to Society Act or the CLASSICS Act

This bill provides federal copyright protection for sound recordings fixed before February 15, 1972, specifically the right to make digital transmissions. Currently, pre-1972 recordings are only covered by state law.

Pre-1972 recordings will fall within the existing compulsory license system for digital transmissions, which currently only cover post-1972 recordings.

The bill preempts claims under state and common law for digital transmission of pre-1972 recordings.

Actions Timeline

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