

## HR 3445

AGOA and MCA Modernization Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

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**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/3445>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Royce, Edward R. [R-CA-39]

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

### Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Jul 27, 2017
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Jul 27, 2017
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Jul 27, 2017
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Aug 1, 2017
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Sep 13, 2017
Rep. Reichert, David G. [R-WA-8]	R · WA		Oct 23, 2017
Rep. Capuano, Michael E. [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Nov 2, 2017
Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Dec 7, 2017

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Reported By	Jan 3, 2018

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

International Affairs

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 832	Related bill	Oct 17, 2017: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 246.

## **African Growth and Opportunity Act and Millennium Challenge Act Modernization Act or the AGOA and MCA Modernization Act**

This bill directs the President to establish a website for the collection and dissemination of information regarding the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA).

The Department of State is urged to promote the use by eligible sub-Saharan African countries of the benefits available under the African Growth and Opportunity Act.

The President is urged to:

- facilitate trans-boundary trade among eligible sub-Saharan African countries;
- provide training for business and government trade officials on accessing AGOA benefits;
- provide capacity building for African entrepreneurs and trade associations on production strategies, quality standards, and market development;
- provide capacity building training to promote product diversification and value-added processing; and
- provide capacity building and technical assistance funding to help African businesses and institutions comply with U.S. counter-terrorism policies.

The Millennium Challenge Act of 2003 is amended to permit an eligible country that has entered into a Millennium Challenge Compact to enter into one additional concurrent compact under specified conditions. Regarding a subsequent nonconcurrent compact, a country's eligibility shall be based on significantly improved performance across the criteria relevant to selection for the preceding compact.

The bill establishes, beginning with FY2013, new assistance criteria for a low-income or a lower middle income candidate country eligible to enter into a Millennium Challenge Compact with the United States.

The Millennium Challenge Corporation shall: (1) before selecting a compact country, provide the Board of Directors with information regarding the country's treatment of civil society; and (2) submit an assessment of the feasibility of developing partnerships at the sub-national level within candidate countries.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 23, 2018:** Signed by President.
- **Apr 23, 2018:** Became Public Law No: 115-167.
- **Apr 11, 2018:** Presented to President.
- **Apr 10, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Apr 9, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S2015)
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- **Feb 6, 2018:** Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 304.
- **Jan 18, 2018:** Received in the Senate.
- **Jan 17, 2018:** Mr. Royce (CA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jan 17, 2018:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H430-435)
- **Jan 17, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3445.
- **Jan 17, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H430-432)
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- **Jan 17, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 3, 2018:** Reported by the Committee on Foreign Affairs. H. Rept. 115-484.
- **Jan 3, 2018:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 358.
- **Sep 28, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Sep 28, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 27, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 27, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.