

S 372

STOP Act of 2017

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]

Party: Republican • **State:** OH • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (34 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Feb 14, 2017
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 14, 2017
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Feb 14, 2017
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Feb 15, 2017
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Mar 1, 2017
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Mar 2, 2017
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Mar 13, 2017
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		Mar 21, 2017
Sen. Perdue, David [R-GA]	R · GA		Mar 23, 2017
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 27, 2017
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Apr 4, 2017
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		Apr 5, 2017
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Apr 24, 2017
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Apr 26, 2017
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Apr 27, 2017
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		May 1, 2017
Sen. Strange, Luther [R-AL]	R · AL		Jun 15, 2017
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Jul 11, 2017
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Jul 20, 2017
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Jul 24, 2017
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Jul 25, 2017
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Aug 2, 2017
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Sep 12, 2017
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Sep 19, 2017
Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]	R · SC		Oct 23, 2017
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Nov 6, 2017
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Nov 7, 2017
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Nov 14, 2017
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Feb 12, 2018
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Apr 9, 2018
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Apr 10, 2018
Sen. Flake, Jeff [R-AZ]	R · AZ		May 15, 2018
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jun 6, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 14, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Foreign Trade and International Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 5531	Related bill	May 22, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
115 HR 1057	Identical bill	Feb 5, 2018: ASSUMING FIRST SPONSORSHIP - Mr. Faso asked unanimous consent that he may hereafter be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 1057, a bill originally introduced by Representative Tiberi, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII. Agreed to without objection.

Summary (as of Feb 14, 2017)

Synthetics Trafficking and Overdose Prevention Act of 2017 or the STOP Act of 2017

This bill amends the Tariff Act of 1930 to make the Postmaster General the consignee (i.e., the entity financially responsible for the receipt of a shipment) for merchandise, excluding documents, imported through the mail into the United States. The Postmaster General must designate licensed customs brokers to file required documents or information for such shipments.

The bill amends the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 to impose a customs user fee on postal shipments or any other item valued at \$2,000 or less arriving at an international mail facility.

The bill amends the Trade Act of 2002 to direct the Department of the Treasury to require the Postmaster General to provide for the advanced electronic transmission to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection of certain information for all postal shipments by the U.S. Postal Service (USPS), including postal shipments it receives from foreign postal operators.

The Postmaster General:

- shall be liable for civil penalties for postal shipment violations committed by a foreign postal operator or the USPS;
- may be directly or indirectly responsible for discrepancies resulting from omissions made or false information provided by a foreign postal operator or the USPS; and
- shall ensure that all costs and penalties associated with complying with this bill are recouped from foreign shippers, foreign postal operators, or U.S. ultimate consignees.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 14, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
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