

HR 4010

Congressional Subpoena Compliance and Enforcement Act of 2017

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Farenthold, Blake [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Oct 11, 2017
Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Oct 11, 2017
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		Oct 11, 2017
Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Oct 11, 2017
Rep. Messer, Luke [R-IN-6]	R · IN		Oct 23, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported By	Oct 23, 2017
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 24, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the federal judicial code to establish certain rules that apply in a civil action by the Senate, House of Representatives, or a congressional committee or subcommittee against an individual who receives, but fails to comply with, a congressional subpoena. Specifically, the rules:

- allow the action to be filed in a U.S. district court;
- require expedited disposition of the action and any appeals; and
- authorize court-imposed monetary penalties against the head of a government agency or component who willfully fails to comply with a congressional subpoena.

(Sec. 3) Additionally, the bill amends the Revised Statutes of the United States to establish requirements for the recipient of a subpoena from a congressional committee or subcommittee, including:

- to appear and testify or produce records—books, papers, documents, data, or other objects—in a manner consistent with the subpoena; and
- to provide a privilege log containing certain information about records that are withheld, such as the type of record and the legal basis for withholding it.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 24, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Oct 23, 2017:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 115-360.
- **Oct 23, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 264.
- **Oct 23, 2017:** Mr. Issa moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Oct 23, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8059-8061)
- **Oct 23, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4010.
- **Oct 23, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H8059-8060)
- **Oct 23, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H8059-8060)
- **Oct 23, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 12, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 12, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 26 - 0.
- **Oct 11, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 11, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.