

HR 423

Anti-Spoofing Act of 2017

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Barton, Joe [R-TX-6]	R · TX		Jan 10, 2017
Rep. Lance, Leonard [R-NJ-7]	R · NJ		Jan 10, 2017
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Jan 23, 2017
Rep. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Jan 23, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 24, 2017
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 10, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 1625	Related bill	Mar 23, 2018: Became Public Law No: 115-141.
115 HR 4986	Related bill	Mar 7, 2018: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
115 S 134	Related bill	Aug 4, 2017: Held at the desk.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

Anti-Spoofing Act of 2017

(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Communications Act of 1934 to expand the prohibition against knowingly transmitting misleading or inaccurate caller identification information to apply to: (1) persons outside the United States if the recipient is within the United States, and (2) text messages.

Existing caller identification requirements that apply to calls made using a telecommunications service or IP-enabled voice service are revised to apply to: (1) services interconnected with the public switched telephone network and that furnish voice communications using resources from the North American Numbering Plan; and (2) transmissions from a telephone facsimile machine, computer, or other device to a telephone facsimile machine.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) must coordinate with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to regularly update education materials that help consumers identify: (1) scams and fraudulent activity that rely upon misleading or inaccurate caller identification information, and (2) existing technologies that consumers can use to protect against such fraud.

The Government Accountability Office must report on: (1) actions taken, or actions that could be taken, by the FCC or the FTC to combat the fraudulent provision of misleading or inaccurate caller identification information; and (2) any recommendations to combat the fraudulent provision of such information.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 24, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Jan 23, 2017:** Mrs. Blackburn moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jan 23, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H576-579)
- **Jan 23, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 423.
- **Jan 23, 2017:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jan 23, 2017:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H591)
- **Jan 23, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 398 - 5 (Roll no. 60).(text: CR H576-577)
- **Jan 23, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 398 - 5 (Roll no. 60). (text: CR H576-577)
- **Jan 23, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 10, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 10, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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