

HR 4744

Iran Human Rights and Hostage-Taking Accountability Act

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| Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6] | R · OH | | Feb 23, 2018 |
| Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14] | R · OH | | Mar 13, 2018 |

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Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Financial Services Committee | House | Discharged From | Apr 18, 2018 |
| Foreign Affairs Committee | House | Reported By | Apr 18, 2018 |
| Foreign Relations Committee | Senate | Referred To | May 7, 2018 |
| Judiciary Committee | House | Discharged From | Apr 18, 2018 |
| Ways and Means Committee | House | Referred to | Jan 11, 2018 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 115 S 3243 | Related bill | Jul 19, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. |
| 115 S 2365 | Related bill | Jan 30, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. |

Summary (as of Jan 9, 2018)

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This bill directs the President to identify and impose sanctions against senior members of the government of Iran and other persons who are responsible for or complicit in committing serious human rights violations, or engaging in censorship, the diversion of goods intended for the people of Iran, or public corruption.

The President shall identify and impose U.S. entry and financial sanctions against persons who are responsible for or complicit in the politically-motivated intimidation, detention, or trial of: (1) U.S. citizens or legal permanent resident aliens in Iran; or (2) Iranians, Iranian residents, or persons of Iranian origin outside of Iran. The President shall impose U.S. entry sanctions against specified family members of identified persons.

The Department of State shall submit to Congress a strategy to prevent elements of the Iranian regime from engaging in hostage-taking or the prolonged arbitrary detention of U.S. citizens or legal permanent resident aliens.

The bill authorizes the consolidation of certain Iran-related reports.

Actions Timeline

- **May 7, 2018:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Apr 26, 2018:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H3688)
- **Apr 26, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 410 - 2 (Roll no. 161).
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- **Apr 26, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 24, 2018:** Mr. Royce (CA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Apr 24, 2018:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3464-3470; text: CR H3464-3466)
- **Apr 24, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4744.
- **Apr 24, 2018:** 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.
- **Apr 18, 2018:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Foreign Affairs. H. Rept. 115-642, Part I.
- **Apr 18, 2018:** Committee on the Judiciary discharged.
- **Apr 18, 2018:** Committee on Financial Services discharged.
- **Apr 18, 2018:** Committee on Ways and Means discharged.
- **Apr 18, 2018:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 491.
- **Mar 15, 2018:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 15, 2018:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 15, 2018:** Committee Agreed to Seek Consideration Under Suspension of the Rules, by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jan 11, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
- **Jan 9, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 9, 2018:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Financial Services, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.