

HR 4989

Protecting Diplomats from Surveillance Through Consumer Devices Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Castro, Joaquin [D-TX-20]

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Feb 8, 2018
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Mar 22, 2018
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		May 17, 2018
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-8]	R · PA		May 17, 2018
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		May 17, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	May 17, 2018
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Nov 29, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill directs the Department of State to: (1) establish a policy on the use of location-tracking consumer devices, including GPS-enabled devices, at U.S. diplomatic and consular facilities by U.S. government employees, contractors, locally employed staff, and members of other agencies deployed to or stationed at such facilities; and (2) submit a related report to Congress.

Existing and new employees at such facilities shall, as a part of their security briefings, be informed of such policy and given instructions on the use of location-tracking consumer devices on and off facility premises.

The State Department may coordinate policy formulation with other agencies whose employees are deployed to or stationed at U.S. diplomatic and consular facilities.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 29, 2018:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Corker without amendment. Without written report.
- **Nov 29, 2018:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 705.
- **Nov 28, 2018:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jul 18, 2018:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Jul 17, 2018:** Mr. Royce (CA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jul 17, 2018:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6319-6320)
- **Jul 17, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4989.
- **Jul 17, 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.
- **Jul 17, 2018:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H6344)
- **Jul 17, 2018:** 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): 412 - 0 (Roll no. 335).(text: CR H6319)
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- **Jul 17, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 17, 2018:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 17, 2018:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **May 17, 2018:** Committee Agreed to Seek Consideration Under Suspension of the Rules,.
- **Feb 8, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 8, 2018:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.