

## HR 505

### Border Security Technology Accountability Act of 2017

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

**Introduced:** Jan 12, 2017

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (Feb 1, 2017)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/505>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. McSally, Martha [R-AZ-2]

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

## Cosponsors (20 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]	R · AZ		Jan 12, 2017
Rep. Comstock, Barbara [R-VA-10]	R · VA		Jan 12, 2017
Rep. Donovan, Daniel M., Jr. [R-NY-11]	R · NY		Jan 12, 2017
Rep. Farenthold, Blake [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Jan 12, 2017
Rep. Franks, Trent [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Jan 12, 2017
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Jan 12, 2017
Rep. Hensarling, Jeb [R-TX-5]	R · TX		Jan 12, 2017
Rep. Hurd, Will [R-TX-23]	R · TX		Jan 12, 2017
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Jan 12, 2017
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Jan 12, 2017
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Jan 12, 2017
Rep. Rogers, Mike D. [R-AL-3]	R · AL		Jan 12, 2017
Rep. Russell, Steve [R-OK-5]	R · OK		Jan 12, 2017
Rep. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Jan 12, 2017
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-8]	R · PA		Jan 13, 2017
Rep. Byrne, Bradley [R-AL-1]	R · AL		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Emmer, Tom [R-MN-6]	R · MN		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Arrington, Jodey C. [R-TX-19]	R · TX		Jan 30, 2017
Rep. Poliquin, Bruce [R-ME-2]	R · ME		Jan 30, 2017
Rep. Ratcliffe, John [R-TX-4]	R · TX		Jan 31, 2017

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 1, 2017
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 12, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Immigration

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6415	Related bill	Sep 19, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
115 S 3478	Related bill	Sep 18, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
115 HR 4760	Related bill	Jun 21, 2018: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
115 S 146	Related bill	Apr 16, 2018: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 379.
115 HR 3548	Related bill	Mar 23, 2018: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 471.
115 S 1757	Related bill	Sep 5, 2017: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 208.

## Summary (as of Jan 31, 2017)

### Border Security Technology Accountability Act of 2017

(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to: (1) ensure that each border security technology acquisition program that is determined to be a major acquisition program has an acquisition program baseline approved by the relevant acquisition decision authority; (2) document that each such program is meeting the cost, schedule, and performance thresholds specified in such baseline in compliance with relevant departmental acquisition policies and the Federal Acquisition Regulation; and (3) have a plan for each such program to meet program implementation objectives by managing contractor performance. "Major acquisition program" means a DHS acquisition program that is estimated by DHS to require an eventual total expenditure of at least \$300 million over its life cycle cost.

DHS must ensure that border security technology acquisition program managers adhere to relevant internal control standards identified by the Government Accountability Office.

DHS shall submit a plan for testing and evaluation, as well as for the use of independent verification and validation resources, for border security technology so that new border security technologies are evaluated through a series of assessments, processes, and audits to ensure compliance with relevant departmental acquisition policies and the Federal Acquisition Regulation and the effectiveness of taxpayer dollars.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 1, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Jan 31, 2017:** Ms. McSally moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jan 31, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H784-785)
- **Jan 31, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 505.
- **Jan 31, 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 H784)
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- **Jan 31, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 12, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 12, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.