# HR 534

U.S. Wants to Compete for a World Expo Act

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**Chamber:** House
**Policy Area:** International Affairs
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**Law:** 115-32 (Enacted May 8, 2017)
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## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Emmer, Tom [R-MN-6]
**Party:** Republican • **State:** MN • **Chamber:** House

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| Rep. Meehan, Patrick [R-PA-7] | R · PA | | Mar 23, 2017 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| Foreign Affairs Committee | House | Referred To | Jan 13, 2017 |
| Foreign Relations Committee | Senate | Reported By | May 3, 2017 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

International Affairs

## Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of May 8, 2017)

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the Senate on May 3, 2017. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

**U.S. Wants to Compete for a World Expo Act**

(Sec. 3) This bill calls for: (1) the United States to rejoin the Bureau of International Expositions (BIE) to promote global branding, domestic job creation, and U.S. tourism; and (2) the Department of State to facilitate the timely submission of a request to rejoin the BIE.

(Sec. 4) The bill authorizes the State Department to: (1) take necessary actions for the United States to rejoin the BIE, and (2) accept contributions for such purpose.

(Sec. 5) Nothing in this bill may be construed to authorize any obligation or expenditure prohibited by provisions of the Admiral James W. Nance and Meg Donovan Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001 relating to limitations on the obligation or expenditure of funds by the State Department for a U.S. pavilion or exhibit at an international exposition or world's fair registered by the BIE. Such Act is amended to prohibit State Department employees in their official capacity from soliciting funds to pay expenses for such a U.S. pavilion or exhibit.

## Actions Timeline

- **May 8, 2017:** Signed by President.
- **May 8, 2017:** Became Public Law No: 115-32.
- **May 5, 2017:** Presented to President.
- **May 4, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S2737-2738; text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S2737)
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- **May 4, 2017:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 4, 2017:** Mr. Emmer asked unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's Table and agree to the Senate amendment. (consideration: CR H4172-4173)
- **May 4, 2017:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection.(text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR H4172-4173)
- **May 4, 2017:** On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection. (text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR H4172-4173)
- **May 4, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 3, 2017:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **May 3, 2017:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Corker with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **May 3, 2017:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 48.
- **Apr 26, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Apr 25, 2017:** Mr. Royce (CA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Apr 25, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2829-2832)
- **Apr 25, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 534.
- **Apr 25, 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 H2829-2830)
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- **Apr 25, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 13, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 13, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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