

HR 5445

21st Century IRS Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Apr 10, 2018
Rep. Curbelo, Carlos [R-FL-26]	R · FL		Apr 12, 2018
Rep. Marchant, Kenny [R-TX-24]	R · TX		Apr 12, 2018
Rep. Renacci, James B. [R-OH-16]	R · OH		Apr 12, 2018
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		Apr 12, 2018
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Apr 13, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Reported By	Apr 13, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Taxation

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 88	Related bill	Dec 21, 2018: Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendment to Senate amendment.
115 HR 7227	Related bill	Dec 20, 2018: Received in the Senate.
115 HR 5444	Related bill	Apr 19, 2018: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
115 HR 5362	Related bill	Apr 18, 2018: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H3427)
115 HRES 831	Procedurally related	Apr 18, 2018: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
115 HR 5376	Related bill	Mar 21, 2018: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
115 HR 5377	Related bill	Mar 21, 2018: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
115 HR 3153	Related bill	Jun 29, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
115 S 1074	Related bill	May 9, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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This bill amends the Internal Revenue Code to establish requirements for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regarding cybersecurity, the protection of taxpayer identities, information technology, and electronic systems.

With respect to cybersecurity and identity protection, the bill:

- requires the IRS to work with the public and private sectors to protect taxpayers from identity theft refund fraud,
- requires the Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee to make recommendations to prevent identity theft and refund fraud,
- authorizes the IRS to participate in an information sharing and analysis center for identity theft tax refund fraud, and
- prohibits the disclosure of returns or return information to contractors or other agents for agencies that do not comply with confidentiality safeguards.

The IRS must develop and implement:

- online accounts to provide services to taxpayers and return preparers,
- a process for accepting electronic tax forms and supporting documents,
- an Internet platform for Form 1099 filings,
- a fully automated program for disclosing taxpayer information for third-party income verification using the Internet, and
- uniform standards and procedures for the acceptance of electronic signatures.

The bill also:

- establishes the position of IRS Chief Information Officer;
- limits redisclosures and uses of tax return information by individuals designated by taxpayers to receive the information;
- allows the IRS to require additional taxpayers to file returns electronically; and
- allows the IRS to pay fees for the use of credit, debit, or charge cards for tax payments if the fees are recouped by charging taxpayers.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 18, 2018:** Rule H. Res. 831 passed House.
- **Apr 18, 2018:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 831. (consideration: CR H3422-3428)
- **Apr 18, 2018:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 5444 and H.R. 5445. Rule provides for consideration of both H.R. 5444 and H.R. 5445 under closed rules with one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ways and Means for each measure. Rule also provides for one motion to recommit with or without instructions for each measure.
- **Apr 18, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 5445.
- **Apr 18, 2018:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Apr 18, 2018:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on H.R. 5445, the Chair put the question on passage of the bill, and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Ms. Jenkins (KS) demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of passage of H.R. 5445 until later in the legislative day.
- **Apr 18, 2018:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H3428-3429)
- **Apr 18, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 414 - 3 (Roll no. 145).(text: CR H3422-3424)
- **Apr 18, 2018:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 414 - 3 (Roll no. 145). (text: CR H3422-3424)
- **Apr 18, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 18, 2018:** Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 831, H.R. 5445 is laid on the table.
- **Apr 16, 2018:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 831 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 5444 and H.R. 5445. Rule provides for consideration of both H.R. 5444 and H.R. 5445 under closed rules with one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ways and Means for each measure. Rule also provides for one motion to recommit with or without instructions for each measure.
- **Apr 13, 2018:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Ways and Means. H. Rept. 115-638.
- **Apr 13, 2018:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 489.
- **Apr 11, 2018:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 11, 2018:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 10, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 10, 2018:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.