

HR 732

Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act of 2017

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]

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

Cosponsors (34 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]	R · AZ		Jan 30, 2017
Rep. Bishop, Mike [R-MI-8]	R · MI		Jan 30, 2017
Rep. Buck, Ken [R-CO-4]	R · CO		Jan 30, 2017
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		Jan 30, 2017
Rep. Chaffetz, Jason [R-UT-3]	R · UT		Jan 30, 2017
Rep. Collins, Doug [R-GA-9]	R · GA		Jan 30, 2017
Rep. DeSantis, Ron [R-FL-6]	R · FL		Jan 30, 2017
Rep. Farenthold, Blake [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Jan 30, 2017
Rep. Franks, Trent [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Jan 30, 2017
Rep. Gaetz, Matt [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Jan 30, 2017
Rep. Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]	R · TX		Jan 30, 2017
Rep. Gowdy, Trey [R-SC-4]	R · SC		Jan 30, 2017
Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9]	R · VA		Jan 30, 2017
Rep. Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-49]	R · CA		Jan 30, 2017
Rep. Jordan, Jim [R-OH-4]	R · OH		Jan 30, 2017
Rep. King, Steve [R-IA-4]	R · IA		Jan 30, 2017
Rep. Labrador, Raul R. [R-ID-1]	R · ID		Jan 30, 2017
Rep. Marino, Tom [R-PA-10]	R · PA		Jan 30, 2017
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Jan 30, 2017
Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Jan 30, 2017
Rep. Ratcliffe, John [R-TX-4]	R · TX		Jan 30, 2017
Rep. Roby, Martha [R-AL-2]	R · AL		Jan 30, 2017
Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5]	R · WI		Jan 30, 2017
Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Jan 30, 2017
Rep. Trott, David A. [R-MI-11]	R · MI		Jan 30, 2017
Rep. Walters, Mimi [R-CA-45]	R · CA		Jan 30, 2017
Rep. Johnson, Mike [R-LA-4]	R · LA		Jan 31, 2017
Rep. Abraham, Ralph Lee [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Feb 6, 2017
Rep. Duffy, Sean P. [R-WI-7]	R · WI		Feb 6, 2017
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Feb 6, 2017
Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Feb 15, 2017
Rep. Young, David [R-IA-3]	R · IA		Feb 15, 2017
Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	R · GA		Feb 16, 2017
Rep. Rooney, Francis [R-FL-19]	R · FL		Mar 17, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 31, 2017
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 25, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Law

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HRES 577	Procedurally related	Oct 24, 2017: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
115 HR 522	Related bill	Feb 8, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law.
115 S 333	Related bill	Feb 7, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Oct 24, 2017)

Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act of 2017

(Sec. 2) This bill prohibits government officials from entering into or enforcing a settlement agreement on behalf of the United States (resolving a civil action, a plea agreement, a deferred prosecution agreement, or a nonprosecution agreement) that provides for a payment or a loan to any person or entity other than the United States. The bill provides exceptions to allow payments or loans that: (1) remedy actual harm (including to the environment) caused by the party making the payment or loan and suffered by the payee, or (2) constitute a payment for services rendered in connection with the case or a payment that a court may order for restitution to victims in certain criminal cases or other persons in plea agreements.

Amounts remaining after all claims have been satisfied must be repaid proportionally to each party who contributed to the original payment.

Government officials or agents who violate this prohibition may be removed from office or required to forfeit to the government any money they hold for such purposes to which they may otherwise be entitled.

Federal agencies must report annually for seven years to the Congressional Budget Office about the parties, funding sources, and distribution of funds for their settlement agreements permitted by the exceptions in this bill.

Agency inspectors general must report annually to Congress about any of their agency's settlement agreements that violate this bill.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 25, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Oct 24, 2017:** Rule H. Res. 577 passed House.
- **Oct 24, 2017:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 577. (consideration: CR H8107-8129)
- **Oct 24, 2017:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 469 and H.R. 732. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order. Rule provides for one hour of general debate for H.R. 469. The rule also provides for consideration of amendments printed in part A of the report. The rule provides for one hour of general debate for H.R. 732. The rule provides for consideration of amendments printed in part B of the report.
- **Oct 24, 2017:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 577 and Rule XVIII.
- **Oct 24, 2017:** The Speaker designated the Honorable Frank D. Lucas to act as Chairman of the Committee.
- **Oct 24, 2017:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 732.
- **Oct 24, 2017:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 577, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Goodlatte amendment No. 1.
- **Oct 24, 2017:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 577, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Cohen amendment No. 2.
- **Oct 24, 2017:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Cohen amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Johnson (LA) demanded a recorded vote, and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **Oct 24, 2017:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 577, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Johnson (GA) amendment No. 3.
- **Oct 24, 2017:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Johnson (GA) amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Johnson (LA) demanded a recorded vote, and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **Oct 24, 2017:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 577, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Jackson Lee amendment No. 4.
- **Oct 24, 2017:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Jackson Lee amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote announced that the noes had prevailed. Ms. Jackson Lee demanded a recorded vote, and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **Oct 24, 2017:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 577, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Cicilline amendment No. 5.
- **Oct 24, 2017:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Cicilline amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Cicilline demanded a recorded vote, and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **Oct 24, 2017:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 577, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Conyers amendment No. 6.
- **Oct 24, 2017:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Conyers amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Conyers demanded a recorded vote, and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **Oct 24, 2017:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 732.
- **Oct 24, 2017:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Oct 24, 2017:** The House adopted the amendment as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.
- **Oct 24, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 238 - 183 (Roll no. 580). (text: CR H8118)
- **Oct 24, 2017:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 238 - 183 (Roll no. 580). (text: CR H8118)
- **Oct 24, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 23, 2017:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 577 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 469

and H.R. 732. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order. Rule provides for one hour of general debate for H.R. 469. The rule also provides for consideration of amendments printed in part A of the report. The rule provides for one hour of general debate for H.R. 732. The rule provides for consideration of amendments printed in part B of the report.

- **Mar 30, 2017:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 115-72.
- **Mar 30, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 43.
- **Jan 31, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law.
- **Jan 30, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 30, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.