

HR 115

Protecting Diplomats from Surveillance Through Consumer Devices Act

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Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (Jan 11, 2019)

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Sponsor

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Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Jan 8, 2019
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Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Jan 9, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 3, 2019
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 11, 2019

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 establish a policy regarding the use of location-tracking consumer devices by employees at diplomatic and consular facilities, and report the details of the policy to Congress.

The policy shall cover U.S. government staff, contractors, locally employed staff, and members of other agencies deployed at the facilities. The State Department shall give security briefings to inform new and existing employees of the policy.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 11, 2019:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Jan 10, 2019:** Mr. Engel moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jan 10, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H429-430)
- **Jan 10, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 115.
- **Jan 10, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H429)
- **Jan 10, 2019:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H429)
- **Jan 10, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 3, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 3, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.