

## HR 1359

Digital GAP Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

**Introduced:** Feb 26, 2019

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (May 21, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/1359>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Wright, Ron [R-TX-6]

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

### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bera, Ami [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Feb 26, 2019
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Feb 26, 2019
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Feb 26, 2019
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Apr 9, 2019
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Apr 25, 2019
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		May 7, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Apr 9, 2019
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 21, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

International Affairs

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Digital Global Access Policy Act of 2019 or the Digital GAP Act

This bill directs the Department of State to advance U.S. policy to promote public and private investments in secure Internet infrastructure and increase Internet access around the world. The U.S. Agency for International Development and the Peace Corps shall also make efforts to advance such policy.

The President shall report to Congress about U.S. efforts to implement the policy, including government efforts to provide technical and regulatory assistance to developing countries and close the gender gap in Internet access.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 21, 2019:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **May 20, 2019:** Mr. Engel moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **May 20, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3970-3973)
- **May 20, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1359.
- **May 20, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H3970-3972)
- **May 20, 2019:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H3970-3972)
- **May 20, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 9, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 9, 2019:** Committee Agreed to Seek Consideration Under Suspension of the Rules.
- **Apr 9, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 26, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 26, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.