

HR 1477

Russian-Venezuelan Threat Mitigation Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: International Affairs

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-25]	R · FL		Feb 28, 2019
Rep. Mucarsel-Powell, Debbie [D-FL-26]	D · FL		Feb 28, 2019
Rep. Shalala, Donna E. [D-FL-27]	D · FL		Feb 28, 2019
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Feb 28, 2019
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Mar 25, 2019
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Mar 25, 2019
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Mar 25, 2019
Rep. Taylor, Van [R-TX-3]	R · TX		Mar 25, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Mar 14, 2019
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 26, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 28, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 1102	Related bill	Feb 7, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Russian-Venezuelan Threat Mitigation Act

This bill calls for assessments of Russia's relationship with Venezuela and bars from U.S. entry aliens who have supported Venezuelan security forces on behalf of Russia.

The Department of State shall report to Congress an assessment of Russia and Venezuela's security cooperation and the threat it poses to countries in the Western Hemisphere, including the United States. The State Department shall also devise a strategy to counter such a threat.

The President shall report to Congress an assessment of the national security risks posed by a potential Russian acquisition of CITGO's U.S. energy infrastructure holdings. CITGO is an energy company owned by Petroleos de Venezuela (PdVSA), a Venezuelan state-owned oil company. A Russian state-owned company has extended a loan to PdVSA, and a default on that loan could result in Russian ownership of CITGO.

The bill bars the entry into the United States of aliens who have worked on behalf of Russia to support Venezuelan security forces. It also revokes any current visas belonging to such individuals. The President may waive this bar as to an alien if it is in the national interest of the United States to do so.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 26, 2019:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Mar 25, 2019:** Mr. Malinowski moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Mar 25, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2781-2784)
- **Mar 25, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1477.
- **Mar 25, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H2781-2782)
- **Mar 25, 2019:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2781-2782)
- **Mar 25, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 14, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 14, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 14, 2019:** Committee Agreed to Seek Consideration Under Suspension of the Rules.
- **Feb 28, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 28, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.