

S 178

UIGHUR Act of 2019

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: International Affairs

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Current Status: Second cloture on the motion to concur in the House amendment to S. 178 with an amendment (SA 2652)

Latest Action: Second cloture on the motion to concur in the House amendment to S. 178 with an amendment (SA 2652) not invoked in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 51 - 44. Record Vote Number: 207. (CR S6343) (Oct 21, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]

Party: Republican • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (50 total)

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Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jan 17, 2019
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jan 17, 2019
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Jan 17, 2019
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Jan 17, 2019
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Jan 17, 2019
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		Jan 17, 2019
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jan 17, 2019
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Jan 17, 2019
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Jan 17, 2019
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Jan 17, 2019
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jan 17, 2019
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jan 17, 2019
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jan 17, 2019
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Jan 17, 2019
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Jan 17, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jan 17, 2019
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jan 17, 2019
Sen. Toomey, Patrick [R-PA]	R · PA		Jan 22, 2019
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jan 24, 2019
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jan 28, 2019
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Feb 12, 2019
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Feb 13, 2019
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Sasse, Ben [R-NE]	R · NE		Mar 7, 2019
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 12, 2019
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Mar 25, 2019
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Apr 1, 2019
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 2, 2019
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Apr 30, 2019
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		May 8, 2019
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		May 15, 2019
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		May 21, 2019
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		May 21, 2019
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		May 23, 2019
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Jun 4, 2019
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Jun 10, 2019
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 18, 2019
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		Jun 18, 2019
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 20, 2019
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 16, 2019
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jul 18, 2019

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 22, 2019
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Jul 24, 2019
Sen. Hawley, Josh [R-MO]	R · MO		Jul 29, 2019
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		Dec 11, 2019
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Dec 17, 2019
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Feb 27, 2020
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 27, 2020
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		Mar 4, 2020
Sen. McSally, Martha [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Mar 10, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Oct 30, 2019
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 3, 2019
Intelligence (Permanent Select) Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 12, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 12, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 2972	Related bill	Dec 4, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
116 HR 649	Related bill	Mar 4, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Uighur Intervention and Global Humanitarian Unified Response Act of 2019 or the UIGHUR Act of 2019

This bill directs the President to impose sanctions and export restrictions related to China's treatment of the Uyghurs, a predominantly Muslim Turkic ethnic group.

The President shall report to Congress a list of senior Chinese government officials who are engaged in or responsible for serious human rights abuses, including mass incarceration and political indoctrination, against Turkic Muslims in China's Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region. The President shall impose visa- and property-blocking sanctions on such individuals. The President may waive the imposition of such sanctions on U.S. national interest grounds.

The President shall identify items that provide China with a critical capability to suppress basic human rights, including items that provide capability to (1) conduct surveillance, (2) monitor and restrict an individual's movement, (3) monitor and restrict access to the internet, and (4) identify individuals through facial or voice recognition. The President shall (1) place such items on the Commerce Control List (a list of items subject to export controls); and (2) require authorization for the export, reexport, or transfer of such items to or within China.

The bill terminates certain prohibitions, such as a prohibition against obligating funds for U.S. Trade and Development Agency activities in China, upon a report by the President to Congress that China has taken specified actions, including ending the mass internment of Turkic Muslims in Xinjiang.

The Department of State shall report to Congress on human rights abuses in Xinjiang, including an assessment of the number of individuals detained in forced labor camps.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 21, 2020:** Second cloture on the motion to concur in the House amendment to S. 178 with an amendment (SA 2652) not invoked in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 51 - 44. Record Vote Number: 207. (CR S6343)
- **Oct 20, 2020:** Considered by Senate (Message from the House considered). (consideration: CR S6318)
- **Oct 19, 2020:** Considered by Senate (Message from the House considered). (consideration: CR S6050-6052)
- **Oct 19, 2020:** Second cloture motion on the motion to concur in the House amendment to S. 178 with an amendment (SA 2652) presented in Senate. (CR S6050)
- **Sep 30, 2020:** Motion to proceed to consideration of the House message to accompany S. 178 agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 48 - 46. Record Vote Number: 198. (CR S5923)
- **Sep 30, 2020:** Considered by Senate (Message from the House considered). (consideration: CR S5923-5924)
- **Sep 10, 2020:** Cloture on the motion to concur in the House amendment to S. 178 with an amendment (SA 2652) not invoked in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 52 - 47. Record Vote Number: 168. (CR S5532-5533)
- **Sep 8, 2020:** Considered by Senate (Message from the House considered). (consideration: CR S5433)
- **Sep 8, 2020:** Motion by Senator McConnell to concur in the House amendment to S. 178 with an amendment (SA 2499) withdrawn.
- **Sep 8, 2020:** Motion by Senator McConnell to concur in the House amendment to S. 178 with an amendment (SA 2652) made in Senate. (CR S5433)
- **Sep 8, 2020:** Cloture motion on the motion to concur in the House amendment to S. 178 with an amendment (SA 2652) presented in Senate.
- **Jul 30, 2020:** Motion to proceed to consideration of the House message to accompany S. 178 agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 47 - 42. Record Vote Number: 153. (CR S4617)
- **Jul 30, 2020:** Measure laid before Senate by motion. (consideration: CR S4618-4622)
- **Jul 30, 2020:** Motion by Senator McConnell to concur in the House amendment to S. 178 with an amendment (SA 2499) made in Senate. (CR S4618)
- **Dec 4, 2019:** Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendment to Senate bill.
- **Dec 3, 2019:** Mr. Sires moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 3, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H9201-9208)
- **Dec 3, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 178.
- **Dec 3, 2019:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Dec 3, 2019:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H9209)
- **Dec 3, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 407 - 1 (Roll no. 644). (text: CR H9201-9203)
- **Dec 3, 2019:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 407 - 1 (Roll no. 644). (text: CR H9201-9203)
- **Dec 3, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 30, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 30, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 12, 2019:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 12, 2019:** Received in the House.
- **Sep 12, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Intelligence (Permanent Select), and 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.
- **Sep 11, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S5450-5452; text: CR S5450-5452)
- **Sep 11, 2019:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S5450-5452; text: CR S5450-5452)
- **Jun 3, 2019:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Risch with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Jun 3, 2019:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 99.
- **May 22, 2019:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

Jan 17, 2019: Introduced in Senate

- **Jan 17, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.