

HR 2037

Saudi Arabia Human Rights and Accountability Act of 2019

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (19 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Apr 3, 2019
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Apr 3, 2019
Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-8]	D · MI		Apr 3, 2019
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Apr 15, 2019
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Apr 15, 2019
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Apr 29, 2019
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		May 14, 2019
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		May 14, 2019
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		May 14, 2019
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		May 14, 2019
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Jun 25, 2019
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Jun 25, 2019
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Jun 25, 2019
Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Jun 25, 2019
Rep. Levin, Andy [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Jun 26, 2019
Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Jun 26, 2019
Rep. Curtis, John R. [R-UT-3]	R · UT		Jul 15, 2019
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Jul 15, 2019
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Jul 15, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Jun 26, 2019
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 16, 2019
Intelligence (Permanent Select) Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 2, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 15, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 2500	Related bill	Aug 11, 2020: Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 512.
116 S 1790	Related bill	Dec 20, 2019: Became Public Law No: 116-92.
116 S 2351	Related bill	Jul 31, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Summary (as of Jul 15, 2019)

Saudi Arabia Human Rights and Accountability Act of 2019

This bill requires the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) to report to Congress about the killing of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi and imposes related sanctions.

The report shall present evidence about whether any current or former government official of Saudi Arabia had advanced knowledge of the killing, ordered the killing, or was involved in tampering with related evidence.

It shall also list foreign persons that the ODNI has high confidence were responsible for Khashoggi's death, materially assisted in causing the death, or impeded any investigations into the death. The Department of State and the Department of Homeland Security shall bar such foreign persons from entering the United States and revoke visas belonging to such persons.

The State Department shall report to Congress about the extent to which Saudi Arabia is responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights and about U.S. actions to address such violations. The report shall also describe the publication by Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Education of intolerant educational materials and U.S. actions to encourage an end to the production and use of such materials.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 16, 2019:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Jul 15, 2019:** Mr. Engel moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 15, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5796-5800)
- **Jul 15, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2037.
- **Jul 15, 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.
- **Jul 15, 2019:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H5814)
- **Jul 15, 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): 405 - 7 (Roll no. 477).(text: CR H5796-5797)
- **Jul 15, 2019:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 405 - 7 (Roll no. 477). (text: CR H5796-5797)
- **Jul 15, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 26, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 26, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 26, 2019:** Committee Agreed to Seek Consideration Under Suspension of the Rules.
- **May 15, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Apr 2, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 2, 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.