

## HR 2167

### Protecting United States Businesses Abroad Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

**Introduced:** Apr 9, 2019

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship. (May 15, 2019)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Curtis, John R. [R-UT-3]

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

## Cosponsors (14 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Apr 9, 2019
Rep. Malinowski, Tom [D-NJ-7]	D · NJ		May 15, 2019
Rep. Yoho, Ted S. [R-FL-3]	R · FL		Jun 12, 2019
Rep. Watkins, Steve [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK-2]	R · OK		Jul 22, 2019
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Jul 24, 2019
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Aug 9, 2019
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Aug 13, 2019
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Sep 20, 2019
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Oct 4, 2019
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Dec 10, 2019
Rep. Allred, Colin Z. [D-TX-32]	D · TX		Dec 11, 2019
Rep. Crenshaw, Dan [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Dec 18, 2019
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Jan 8, 2020

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 9, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 15, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

International Affairs

## Related Bills

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No related bills are listed.

## Summary (as of Apr 9, 2019)

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### Protecting United States Businesses Abroad Act

This bill authorizes the President to impose visa-blocking sanctions on foreign individuals or entities that engage in certain forms of corruption, expropriation, or extortion to the detriment of a U.S. person or entity that has made an investment in a foreign country. Some of the actions subject to sanctions include (1) using state authority to extort payments from or intimidate such a U.S. investor, (2) expropriating the assets of a U.S. investor without just compensation, and (3) engaging in extortion or threatening force against a U.S. investor.

The President shall report to Congress on sanctions imposed under this bill.

The Department of State shall develop and report to Congress a strategy to coordinate U.S. government efforts to protect such U.S. investors from corruption.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 15, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Apr 10, 2019:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H3240)
- **Apr 9, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 9, 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.