HR 2203

Homeland Security Improvement Act

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Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jul 17, 2019
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Jul 17, 2019
Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Jul 17, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 26, 2019
Homeland Security Committee	House	Discharged from	Jul 17, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 15, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Discharged From	Jul 19, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 2691	Related bill	**Oct 24, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
116 HRES 577	Related bill	**Sep 25, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
116 HR 3777	Related bill	**Aug 12, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

Summary (as of Sep 25, 2019)

This bill establishes the position of Ombudsman for Border and Immigration Related Concerns within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The ombudsman shall

- establish an independent, neutral, and standardized process to assist individuals in resolving complaints related to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and related entities;
- make recommendations to DHS to address chronic issues identified in the complaints process;
- establish a Border Oversight Panel, which shall make recommendations related to border enforcement policies and strategies;
- review ICE and CBP compliance with departmental policies and standards of care for detained aliens;
- establish a Border Community Liaison in each Border Patrol sector on the northern and southern borders, which shall consult with and receive feedback from border communities on ICE and CBP policies and activities;
- conduct yearly evaluations of training for ICE and CBP agents and officers, including whether such training adequately addresses the use of force and civil rights issues;
- develop recommendations for establishing an electronic number system for tracking a child that has been separated from a parent, legal guardian, or relative; and
- report to Congress a plan to require the use of body-worn cameras by Border Patrol agents and ICE officers.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 26, 2019:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Sep 25, 2019:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 577. (consideration: CR H7928-7934)
- **Sep 25, 2019:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2203, H.R. 3525 and H. Res. 576. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2203, H.R. 3525, and H.Res. 576 under closed rules. Rule also provides that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of September 26, 2019, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules; and provides for proceedings during the period from September 30, 2019, through October 14, 2019
- **Sep 25, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 2203.
- **Sep 25, 2019:** DEBATE - The House resumed with debate on H.R. 2203.
- **Sep 25, 2019:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Sep 25, 2019:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - Pursuant to clause 1(c) of Rule 19, the Chair postponed further proceedings on H.R. 2203.
- **Sep 25, 2019:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H7974-7976)
- **Sep 25, 2019:** Mr. Green (TN) moved to recommit with instructions to the Committee on Homeland Security. (text: CR H7974)
- **Sep 25, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Green (TN) motion to recommit with instructions. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the bill to be reported back to the House with an amendment to add language at the end of section 711 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Ombudsman to include additional information inspecific reports.
- **Sep 25, 2019:** The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered without objection.
- **Sep 25, 2019:** On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by recorded vote: 207 - 216 (Roll no. 545).
- **Sep 25, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 230 - 194 (Roll no. 546).(text: CR H7928-7929)
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- **Sep 25, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 24, 2019:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 577 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2203, H.R. 3525 and H. Res. 576. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2203, H.R. 3525, and H.Res. 576 under closed rules. Rule also provides that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of September 26, 2019, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules; and provides for proceedings during the period from September 30, 2019, through October 14, 2019
- **Jul 19, 2019:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Homeland Security. H. Rept. 116-163, Part I.
- **Jul 19, 2019:** Committee on the Judiciary discharged.
- **Jul 19, 2019:** Committee on Ways and Means discharged.
- **Jul 19, 2019:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 122.
- **Jul 17, 2019:** Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations Discharged.
- **Jul 17, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 17, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 16 - 13.
- **May 15, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Apr 23, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations.
- **Apr 10, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 10, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Ways and Means, 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.

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