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SWAG Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]

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

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| Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY] | R · KY | | Oct 29, 2019 |
| Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT] | R · MT | | Oct 31, 2019 |
| Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL] | R · FL | | Feb 5, 2020 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee | Senate | Reported By | Dec 14, 2020 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Stop Wasteful Advertising by the Government Act or the SWAG Act

This bill prohibits the use of federal funds for publicity, propaganda, swag, or mascots, with exceptions.

Swag is a tangible product or merchandise distributed at no cost with the sole purpose of advertising or promoting an agency, organization, or program.

Each agency shall, as part of the annual budget justification submitted to Congress, report on the public relations and advertising spending of the agency for the preceding fiscal year, which may include an estimate of the return on investment for the agency.

The prohibition pertaining to swag shall not apply to an agency program that supports the mission and objectives of the agency that is initiating the public relations or advertising spending if the spending generates a positive return on investment for the agency.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 14, 2020:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Johnson with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 116-313.
- **Dec 14, 2020:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 616.
- **Mar 11, 2020:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Oct 29, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Oct 29, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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