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Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act of 2019

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 13, 2019
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Sep 25, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 13, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 1838	Identical bill	Nov 27, 2019: Became Public Law No: 116-76.

Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act of 2019

This bill addresses Hong Kong's status under U.S. law and imposes sanctions on those responsible for human rights violations in Hong Kong. (Hong Kong is part of China but has a largely separate legal and economic system.)

The Department of State shall certify annually to Congress as to whether Hong Kong warrants its unique treatment under various treaties, agreements, and U.S. law. The analysis shall evaluate whether Hong Kong is upholding the rule of law and protecting rights enumerated in various documents, including (1) the agreement between the United Kingdom and China regarding Hong Kong's return to China, and (2) the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The bill extends existing annual reporting requirements on matters of U.S. interest in Hong Kong through 2027 and expands such reports to include assessments of (1) limits to Hong Kong's autonomy, either self-imposed or due to China's actions; and (2) whether rescission of Hong Kong's special treatment would further erode Hong Kong's autonomy.

The President shall annually report to Congress on Hong Kong's enforcement of U.S. export controls, including whether items of U.S. origin have been used for mass surveillance in China and whether Hong Kong has been used to evade sanctions on North Korea or Iran.

The State Department shall notify Congress if any proposed or enacted law in Hong Kong negatively impacts U.S. interests, including by putting U.S. citizens at risk of rendition to China.

The President shall impose property and visa-blocking sanctions on foreign persons responsible for gross human rights violations in Hong Kong.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 16, 2019:** Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 243.
- **Oct 15, 2019:** Mr. Sherman moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Oct 15, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8119-8124)
- **Oct 15, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3289.
- **Oct 15, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H8119-8122)
- **Oct 15, 2019:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H8119-8122)
- **Oct 15, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 25, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 25, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 13, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 13, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Financial Services, 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.