

HR 353

To direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to regain observer status for Taiwan in the World Health Organization, and for other purposes.

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Policy Area: International Affairs

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Yoho, Ted S. [R-FL-3]

Party: Republican • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		Jan 10, 2019
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Jan 16, 2019
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Jan 22, 2019
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Jan 22, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 8, 2019
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 23, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 249	Identical bill	May 12, 2020: Held at the desk.
116 HR 237	Related bill	Mar 14, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and Nonproliferation.

This bill directs the Department of State to include additional information in its annual reports concerning Taiwan's participation at the World Health Organization's World Health Assembly (WHA) as an observer. The report shall describe changes and improvements to the State Department's plan to support Taiwan's observer status at the WHA, following any meetings at which Taiwan did not participate under such status. (China has opposed Taiwan's participation, based on its position that Taiwan is part of China and not a separate country.)

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 23, 2019:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E80-81)
- **Jan 23, 2019:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Jan 22, 2019:** Mr. Engel moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jan 22, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H974-976)
- **Jan 22, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 353.
- **Jan 22, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H974)
- **Jan 22, 2019:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H974)
- **Jan 22, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 8, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 8, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.