

HR 4270

PROTECT Hong Kong Act

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Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Oct 15, 2019
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Oct 15, 2019
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Rep. Taylor, Van [R-TX-3]	R · TX		Oct 15, 2019
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 16, 2019
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Sep 25, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Oct 15, 2019)

Placing Restrictions on Teargas Exports and Crowd Control Technology to Hong Kong Act or the PROTECT Hong Kong Act

This bill directs the President to prohibit the issuance of licenses to export certain defense items and services to the Hong Kong Police Force or the Hong Kong Auxiliary Police Force.

Items subject to the prohibition include defense articles and services on the U.S. Munitions List and certain crime-control and detection technology and software.

The prohibition shall not apply to a particular license if the President certifies to Congress that the covered exports are important to U.S. national interests and foreign policy goals. The prohibitions shall terminate when the President certifies to Congress that (1) the covered Hong Kong forces have not engaged in gross human rights violations for the one-year period leading up to the certification, (2) there has been an independent examination of human rights concerns related to the covered forces' crowd-control tactics, and (3) the Hong Kong government has adequately addressed such concerns.

The Department of State and the Department of Commerce shall report to Congress as to items subject to the prohibition that have been exported to the Hong Kong forces covered in the bill in the last five years.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 16, 2019:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
- **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 H8124-8127)
- **Oct 15, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4270.
- **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 H8124-8125)
- **Oct 15, 2019:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H8124-8125)
- **Oct 15, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 15, 2019:** The title of the measure was amended. 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.
- **Sep 10, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 10, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.