

S 4493

USTR Inspector General Act of 2020

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Foreign Trade and International Finance

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Aug 6, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Aug 6, 2020
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Aug 6, 2020
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Aug 6, 2020
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Aug 6, 2020
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Aug 6, 2020
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Aug 6, 2020
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Aug 6, 2020
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Aug 6, 2020
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Aug 6, 2020
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Aug 6, 2020
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Aug 6, 2020
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Aug 6, 2020
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Aug 13, 2020
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Aug 13, 2020
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Sep 8, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Aug 6, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Foreign Trade and International Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4629	Related bill	Sep 17, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
116 HR 7980	Identical bill	Aug 7, 2020: Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committee on 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.

Summary (as of Aug 6, 2020)

USTR Inspector General Act of 2020

This bill requires the President to appoint an Inspector General of the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR), who shall conduct an audit of the process for excluding articles from certain duties with respect to articles imported from China.

The required audit shall include an assessment of whether USTR officials (1) uniformly applied the criteria used to review a request for, or objection to, excluding such articles from duties; (2) met with any interested parties to discuss a request or objection while the request or objection was pending; and (3) at any time permitted the resubmission of a previously submitted request or objection after the submission deadline.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 6, 2020:** Introduced in Senate
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