

## HR 5396

### FISA Improvements Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), 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. (Dec 11, 2019)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]

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

### Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bishop, Dan [R-NC-9]	R · NC		Dec 11, 2019
Rep. Conaway, K. Michael [R-TX-11]	R · TX		Dec 11, 2019
Rep. Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" [R-AR-1]	R · AR		Dec 11, 2019
Rep. Gaetz, Matt [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Dec 11, 2019
Rep. Hurd, Will [R-TX-23]	R · TX		Dec 11, 2019
Rep. Nunes, Devin [R-CA-22]	R · CA		Dec 11, 2019
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		Dec 11, 2019
Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-10]	R · OH		Dec 11, 2019
Rep. Wenstrup, Brad R. [R-OH-2]	R · OH		Dec 11, 2019
Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8]	R · IN		Jan 8, 2020
Rep. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK-2]	R · OK		Jan 8, 2020
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Jan 9, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Intelligence (Permanent Select) Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 11, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 11, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

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No related bills are listed.

## Summary (as of Dec 11, 2019)

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This bill makes various changes to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, such as by requiring amicus curiae (i.e., outside parties that assist in consideration of a case) involvement in certain matters.

An amicus curiae shall assist the court when it is considering an initial application seeking permission to target an identifiable U.S. person for certain types of foreign intelligence investigative activities (such as electronic surveillance or a physical search).

An application to the court for an order for electronic surveillance shall include a statement fully disclosing any information used in the application that the government cannot substantiate.

The bill also requires transcriptions of proceedings before the court. The Department of Justice shall maintain all written communications with the court and written summaries of oral communications with the court.

### Actions Timeline

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