

HR 5517

Gandhi-King Scholarly Exchange Initiative Act

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Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Feb 13, 2020
Rep. Wexton, Jennifer [D-VA-10]	D · VA		Feb 13, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 14, 2020
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 7, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Dec 3, 2020)

Gandhi-King Scholarly Exchange Initiative Act

This bill establishes (1) a professional exchange program between the United States and India with a focus on the legacies of Martin Luther King Jr. and Mohandas Gandhi, (2) a development training initiative based on principles of nonviolence, and (3) a foundation to address development priorities in India.

Specifically, the bill establishes a professional exchange program comprised of both an annual educational forum for scholars from the United States and India, as well as an undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate student exchange for students in the United States and India.

The bill also establishes a professional development training initiative on conflict resolution tools based on the principles of nonviolence. Further, the bill establishes the United States-India Gandhi-King Development Foundation to identify development priorities in India (e.g., pollution and climate change, education, and tuberculosis) and administer competitively awarded grants to nongovernmental entities to address those priorities.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 7, 2020:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Dec 3, 2020:** Mr. Engel moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 3, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6079-6082)
- **Dec 3, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5517.
- **Dec 3, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6079-6081)
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- **Dec 3, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 29, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 29, 2020:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jan 14, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and Nonproliferation.
- **Dec 19, 2019:** Introduced in House
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