

## HR 7423

Taiwan Defense Act

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**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Jun 30, 2020

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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. (Jun 30, 2020)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Gallagher, Mike [R-WI-8]

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Yoho, Ted S. [R-FL-3]	R · FL		Jul 9, 2020
Rep. Cook, Paul [R-CA-8]	R · CA		Sep 22, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 30, 2020
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 30, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 3936	Identical bill	<b>Jun 10, 2020:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

## Taiwan Defense Act

This bill requires, no later than April 30 every year, beginning in 2021 and ending in 2026, the Department of Defense (DOD) to submit to Congress a report on the progress of DOD with respect to improving the ability of the U.S. Armed Forces to conduct combined joint operations to deny the ability of China to execute a *fait accompli* against Taiwan.

The bill defines *fait accompli* as the strategy of China designed to allow it to use military force to seize control of Taiwan before the U.S. Armed Forces are able to respond effectively, while simultaneously deterring an effective combined joint response by the Armed Forces by convincing the United States that mounting such a response would be prohibitively difficult or costly.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 30, 2020:** Introduced in House
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