

HR 7980

USTR Inspector General Act of 2020

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Foreign Trade and International Finance

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Current Status: Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means

Latest Action: 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. (Aug 7, 2020)

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Sponsor

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Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Aug 7, 2020
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Aug 7, 2020
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Aug 7, 2020
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Aug 7, 2020
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 7, 2020
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 7, 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 S 4493	Identical bill	Aug 6, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

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