

HR 826

End Neglected Tropical Diseases Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Jan 28, 2019
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Jan 28, 2019
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Apr 3, 2019
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 29, 2019
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 28, 2019
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 28, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 3460	Related bill	Dec 4, 2019: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
116 S 2481	Related bill	Sep 17, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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This bill expands programs to address neglected tropical diseases (NTDs), which are infections caused by pathogens, including viruses, microbes, and helminths (parasitic worms), that disproportionately impact individuals living in extreme poverty, especially in developing countries. Examples include dengue, leprosy, and rabies.

The bill sets forth certain priorities for the NTDs Program of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), including the coordination of program activities with other USAID development sectors regarding (1) education; (2) food security; and (3) water, sanitation, and hygiene.

The bill also directs the Department of State and the President to encourage foreign governments and international entities (e.g., the World Bank Institute) to address NTDs.

Additionally, the Department of Health and Human Services must take a series of actions relating to NTDs, including promoting initiatives in international forums and establishing a panel to address worm infections.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention may award grants to support centers of excellence for research, training, and treatment regarding NTDs, including Ebola.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 29, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 28, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 28, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and Financial 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.