

## HR 854

Humanitarian Assistance to the Venezuelan People Act of 2019

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

**Introduced:** Jan 29, 2019

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (Mar 26, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/854>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Mucarsel-Powell, Debbie [D-FL-26]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (14 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Jan 29, 2019
Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-21]	D · FL		Jan 29, 2019
Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Jan 29, 2019
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Jan 29, 2019
Rep. Shalala, Donna E. [D-FL-27]	D · FL		Jan 29, 2019
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Jan 29, 2019
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Jan 29, 2019
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Murphy, Stephanie N. [D-FL-7]	D · FL		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Mar 7, 2019
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Mar 13, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Mar 14, 2019
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 26, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

International Affairs

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Mar 25, 2019)

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### Humanitarian Assistance to the Venezuelan People Act of 2019

This bill directs the Department of State to report to Congress a long term strategy for coordinating the provision of humanitarian assistance to Venezuelans both in Venezuela and in other parts of the Western Hemisphere and authorizes the President to provide humanitarian aid to such individuals. The strategy shall cover topics including how to provide public health commodities, food, and technical assistance. It shall also describe (1) current and anticipated challenges to distributing humanitarian assistance in Venezuela and elsewhere, and (2) how the United States is coordinating efforts with other countries.

The Government Accountability Office shall report to Congress on the impact of U.S. assistance for Venezuelans throughout the Western Hemisphere.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 26, 2019:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Mar 25, 2019:** Mr. Sires moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Mar 25, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2769-2771)
- **Mar 25, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 854.
- **Mar 25, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H2769-2770)
- **Mar 25, 2019:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2769-2770)
- **Mar 25, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 14, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 14, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 14, 2019:** Committee Agreed to Seek Consideration Under Suspension of the Rules.
- **Jan 29, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 29, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.