

S 1064

RENACER Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: International Affairs

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 25, 2021
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 25, 2021
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Mar 25, 2021
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 25, 2021
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Mar 25, 2021
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Oct 26, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Nov 1, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 2946	Related bill	Nov 9, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
117 S 1041	Related bill	Aug 10, 2021: Held at the desk.

Reinforcing Nicaragua's Adherence to Conditions for Electoral Reform Act of 2021 or the RENACER Act

This bill establishes measures to monitor, report on, and address corruption and human rights abuses in Nicaragua.

Specifically, the bill directs U.S. leadership at international financial institutions to advocate for increased oversight with respect to any loan or financial or technical assistance for projects in Nicaragua.

The Department of State and the Department of the Treasury must establish a coordinated strategy to align diplomatic engagement with the implementation of targeted sanctions to facilitate free, fair, and transparent elections in Nicaragua. Pursuant to this strategy, the President must prioritize implementing targeted sanctions on persons obstructing the establishment of conditions necessary for such elections. The State Department must also engage in diplomatic efforts with partner countries to impose targeted sanctions on such individuals.

The bill adds Nicaragua to a list of countries whose citizens are subject to visa-blocking sanctions for knowingly engaging in (1) actions undermining democratic processes or institutions, or (2) significant corruption or obstruction of investigations into such corruption.

Further, the bill requires the State Department to report on

- the involvement of President Daniel Ortega, members of his family, and senior government officials in significant acts of public corruption;
- Russian activities in Nicaragua, including cooperation between Russian and Nicaraguan military personnel and intelligence services;
- all purchases and agreements entered into by Nicaragua with respect to its military or intelligence sector; and
- gross human rights violations by the Ortega government against campesinos (i.e., natives of Latin American rural areas, especially Latin American Indian farmers or farm laborers) and indigenous communities.

In addition, the State Department must report on obstacles faced by Nicaraguans to obtaining accurate, objective, and comprehensive news and information about domestic and international affairs and submit a strategy for strengthening independent broadcasting, information distribution, and media platforms in Nicaragua.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 10, 2021:** Signed by President.
- **Nov 10, 2021:** Became Public Law No: 117-54.
- **Nov 9, 2021:** Presented to President.
- **Nov 3, 2021:** Mr. Deutch moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Nov 3, 2021:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6147-6151)
- **Nov 3, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 1064.
- **Nov 3, 2021:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Nov 3, 2021:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H6156-6157)
- **Nov 3, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 387 - 35, 4 Present (Roll no. 354).
- **Nov 3, 2021:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 387 - 35, 4 Present (Roll no. 354).
- **Nov 3, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 2, 2021:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 2, 2021:** Received in the House.
- **Nov 2, 2021:** Held at the desk.
- **Nov 1, 2021:** Senate Committee on Foreign Relations discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 1, 2021:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7571-7572)
- **Nov 1, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.
- **Nov 1, 2021:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 25, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 25, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.