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Strategic Competition Act of 2021

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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. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Apr 15, 2021
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		May 10, 2021
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		May 10, 2021
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		May 10, 2021
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		May 10, 2021
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		May 17, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 10, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 1934	Related bill	Jul 18, 2022: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
117 HR 7726	Related bill	May 11, 2022: Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.
117 S 2587	Related bill	Aug 3, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
117 S 2033	Related bill	Jun 10, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
117 HR 3695	Related bill	Jun 4, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
117 HR 3084	Related bill	May 28, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, Central Asia and Nonproliferation.
117 S 1824	Related bill	May 25, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
117 HR 3433	Related bill	May 20, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
117 HR 2329	Related bill	Apr 1, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
117 S 413	Related bill	Feb 24, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Summary (as of May 10, 2021)

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This bill addresses various foreign relations issues, with a focus on China.

Among other things, the bill

- requires the U.S. Agency for Global Media to take certain actions to support independent journalism and combat censorship in countries where the Chinese Communist Party or other entities are promoting disinformation;
- requires the Department of State to establish programs to engage partner countries on issues such as regulatory harmonization and technology partnerships;
- prohibits any individual who has served as Secretary of State or Deputy Secretary of State from representing a foreign government entity before the executive branch;
- requires the State Department to develop and implement a plan for increasing the U.S. presence in the Indo-Pacific region;
- authorizes various foreign military financing and diplomatic activities in Southeast Asia and the Indo-Pacific region;
- prioritizes the transfer of excess defense articles to Taiwan, Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam, and Malaysia;
- prohibits a country from receiving certain U.S. assistance if that country hosts a Chinese military installation within its territory, with some exceptions;
- authorizes the U.S. representative to the Inter-American Development Bank to vote for an increase in the bank's capital stock;
- requires strategies to engage with other countries on issues such as managing relations with China;
- authorizes military training assistance activities in Latin America and the Caribbean;
- establishes an interagency working group to counter Chinese cyber aggression in Africa;
- authorizes activities to promote democracy in Hong Kong; and
- imposes sanctions on foreign individuals and entities responsible for certain abuses (e.g., forced labor and coercive abortions) in China's Xinjiang region.

Actions Timeline

- **May 10, 2021:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Menendez with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **May 10, 2021:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 54.
- **Apr 21, 2021:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably.
- **Apr 15, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 15, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.