

HRES 1285

Requesting the President to transmit certain information to the House of Representatives relating to a waiver of intellectual property commitments under the World Trade Organization Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights.

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** NE • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Discharged from	Sep 19, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HRES 1169	Related bill	Jun 9, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.

This resolution requests that the President transmit certain information to the House of Representatives related to the June 17, 2022, waiver of intellectual property commitments under the World Trade Organization Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (known as the TRIPS waiver) and the proposed expansion of the TRIPS waiver.

In particular, the resolution requests information demonstrating that

- the TRIPS waiver will increase global supply and delivery of COVID-19 vaccines and the extent to which these vaccines have been destroyed due to their expiration;
- the proposed TRIPS waiver expansion will increase global supply and delivery of COVID-19 diagnostics or therapeutics;
- the TRIPS waiver or the proposed TRIPS waiver expansion will accelerate the end of the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- China will not obtain access to patents or other intellectual property related to COVID-19 vaccines, diagnostics, or therapeutics even if expressly excluded from the TRIPS waiver or the proposed TRIPS waiver expansion.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 28, 2022:** Reported adversely by the Committee on Ways and Means. H. Rept. 117-520.
- **Sep 28, 2022:** Placed on the House Calendar, Calendar No. 127.
- **Sep 20, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 20, 2022:** Ordered to be Reported Adversely by Voice Vote.
- **Sep 19, 2022:** Subcommittee on Trade Discharged.
- **Jul 26, 2022:** Introduced in House
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