

HR 1392

Protection of Saudi Dissidents Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: International Affairs

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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. (Apr 22, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]

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

Cosponsors (11 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37] | D · CA | | Feb 26, 2021 |
| Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large] | D · DC | | Mar 1, 2021 |
| Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1] | D · RI | | Mar 1, 2021 |
| Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17] | D · CA | | Mar 1, 2021 |
| Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5] | D · MN | | Mar 1, 2021 |
| Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1] | D · NV | | Mar 1, 2021 |
| Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9] | D · TN | | Mar 8, 2021 |
| Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3] | D · AZ | | Mar 8, 2021 |
| Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45] | D · CA | | Mar 16, 2021 |
| Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20] | D · FL | | Mar 23, 2021 |
| Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30] | D · CA | | Mar 29, 2021 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
|---|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Foreign Affairs Committee | House | Markup By | Mar 25, 2021 |
| Foreign Relations Committee | Senate | Referred To | Apr 22, 2021 |
| Intelligence (Permanent Select) Committee | House | Referred To | Feb 26, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Protection of Saudi Dissidents Act of 2021

This bill imposes temporary limits on arms sales to Saudi Arabia and requires various reports and actions related to the death of Saudi Arabian journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

The President may not transfer or authorize for export certain defense articles or services to Saudi Arabia for 120 days after this bill's enactment. The prohibition shall remain in effect for up to three years unless the President periodically certifies to Congress that Saudi Arabia has not conducted (1) forced repatriation, intimidation, or killing of dissidents in other countries; (2) unjust imprisonment in Saudi Arabia of U.S. citizens or lawful aliens; or (3) torture of detainees in custody of the government of Saudi Arabia.

The President shall certify to Congress that individuals with Saudi diplomatic credentials are not using such credentials to track or harass Saudi nationals in the United States. If the President does not make such a certification, the President shall close at least one Saudi diplomatic or consular facility in the United States until the certification is made.

The bill requires reports to Congress on (1) whether any Saudi officials have engaged in a consistent pattern of harassment against any individual in the United States, and (2) whether the intelligence community fulfilled its duty to warn Khashoggi of the threats to his life.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 22, 2021:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Apr 21, 2021:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2032)
- **Apr 21, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 350 - 71 (Roll no. 130).(text: 04/19/2021 CR H1939-1941)
- **Apr 21, 2021:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 350 - 71 (Roll no. 130). (text: 04/19/2021 CR H1939-1941)
- **Apr 21, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 19, 2021:** Mr. Meeks moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Apr 19, 2021:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1939-1942)
- **Apr 19, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1392.
- **Apr 19, 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.
- **Mar 25, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 25, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Feb 26, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 26, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), 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.