

## S 1846

### SPEECH Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Foreign Trade and International Finance

**Introduced:** May 26, 2021

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (May 26, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/1846>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		May 26, 2021
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		May 26, 2021
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		May 26, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 26, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Foreign Trade and International Finance

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3524	Related bill	Dec 30, 2022: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 486.

### Summary (as of May 26, 2021)

#### Surveillance and free speech Protection Enhancement in Export controls for Censorship and Human rights Act of 2021 or the SPEECH Act of 2021

This bill requires the Department of Commerce to review items that are subject to export controls for reasons related to crime control and detection and determine whether additional export controls are needed to protect human rights. Currently, in support of U.S. foreign policy to promote the observance of human rights around the world, a license is required to export and reexport certain crime control and detection equipment.

## Actions Timeline

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