

HR 2578

To seek the renegotiation of the Paris Agreement on climate change or the negotiation of a new agreement, including the requirement for the Senate to provide its advice and consent to ratification of any such agreement, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: House

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

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Rep. Miller-Meeks, Mariannette [R-IA-2]	R · IA		Nov 4, 2021
Rep. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK-2]	R · OK		Nov 4, 2021
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Nov 4, 2021
Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Nov 4, 2021
Rep. Owens, Burgess [R-UT-4]	R · UT		Nov 4, 2021
Rep. Pfluger, August [R-TX-11]	R · TX		Nov 4, 2021
Rep. Timmons, William R. IV [R-SC-4]	R · SC		Nov 4, 2021
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Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Nov 4, 2021
Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]	R · UT		Nov 5, 2021
Rep. Steel, Michelle [R-CA-48]	R · CA		Nov 18, 2021
Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Jun 13, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 15, 2021
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 15, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 395	Related bill	Jan 21, 2021: Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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.

Summary (as of Apr 15, 2021)

Paris Transparency and Accountability Act

This bill restricts the President's authority to unilaterally establish or revise actions the United States plans to take to meet its obligations under the Paris Agreement (a climate change treaty adopted in 2015) and increases congressional oversight of those actions. The bill also prohibits any legal cause of action in U.S. courts pursuant to the Paris Agreement.

Specifically, the President must report to Congress before proposing new or revised actions under the agreement. The report must describe the proposed actions, including their impact on global emissions, and outline a detailed plan to address economic effects and related considerations of the actions. If a proposed action results in increased energy or manufacturing costs, the report must include specific policy measures (and timelines for implementing the measures) to prevent (1) job displacement, (2) reduced global competitiveness of U.S. goods, and (3) leaked emissions that may occur as a result of the proposed action.

After the President submits a report, the bill provides Congress with a 60-day period to review it. During the review period, Congress may block the actions proposed in the report by enacting a joint resolution of disapproval. The bill also outlines procedures for the introduction and consideration of this type of joint resolution.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 15, 2021:** Introduced in House
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