

HR 2946

RENACER Act

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Sponsor

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Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-25]	R · FL		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Green, Mark E. [R-TN-7]	R · TN		Apr 30, 2021
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Rep. Salazar, Maria Elvira [R-FL-27]	R · FL		Apr 30, 2021
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Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		May 7, 2021
Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		May 7, 2021
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Jun 11, 2021
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Jul 26, 2021
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Jul 26, 2021
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Jul 28, 2021
Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Aug 3, 2021
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Aug 3, 2021
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Sep 29, 2021
Rep. Crist, Charlie [D-FL-13]	D · FL		Nov 1, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 30, 2021
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Jul 29, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 9, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1064	Related bill	Nov 10, 2021: Became Public Law No: 117-54.
117 S 1041	Identical bill	Aug 10, 2021: Held at the desk.

Summary (as of Apr 30, 2021)

Reinforcing Nicaragua's Adherence to Conditions for Electoral Reform Act of 2021 or the RENACER Act

This bill establishes measures to monitor, report on, and address corruption and human rights abuses in Nicaragua.

Specifically, the bill directs U.S. leadership at international financial institutions to advocate for oversight with respect to any loan or financial or technical assistance for projects in Nicaragua.

The Department of State and the Department of the Treasury must establish a strategy to align diplomatic engagement with implementing sanctions to facilitate free, fair, and transparent elections in Nicaragua. Pursuant to this strategy, the President must prioritize implementing targeted sanctions on persons obstructing such elections. The State Department must also engage in diplomatic efforts with partner countries to impose targeted sanctions on such individuals.

The bill adds Nicaragua to a list of countries whose citizens are subject to visa-blocking sanctions for knowingly engaging in (1) actions undermining democratic processes or institutions, or (2) significant corruption or obstruction of investigations into such corruption.

Further, the bill requires the State Department to report on

- the involvement of President Daniel Ortega, members of his family, and senior government officials in significant acts of public corruption;
- Russian activities in Nicaragua; and
- gross human rights violations by the Ortega government against campesinos (i.e., natives of Latin American rural areas, especially Latin American Indian farmers or farm laborers) and indigenous communities.

In addition, the State Department must report on obstacles to news and information about domestic and international affairs and submit a strategy for strengthening independent broadcasting, information distribution, and media platforms in Nicaragua.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 9, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Jul 29, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 29, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 30, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 30, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, and the Judiciary, 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.