

HR 302

PPSA Act of 2021

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

Introduced: Jan 13, 2021

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governm

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (Sep 19, 2022)

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (16 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Jan 13, 2021
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Jan 15, 2021
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Jan 15, 2021
Rep. Brown, Anthony G. [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Jan 15, 2021
Rep. Hoyer, Steny H. [D-MD-5]	D · MD		Jan 15, 2021
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Jan 15, 2021
Rep. Wexton, Jennifer [D-VA-10]	D · VA		Jan 19, 2021
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Feb 15, 2021
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		Mar 1, 2021
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		May 4, 2021
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		Jun 15, 2021
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Jul 27, 2022
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Aug 2, 2022
Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Aug 16, 2022
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-18]	D · PA		Aug 26, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 19, 2022
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Reported By	Sep 2, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HRES 1339	Related bill	Sep 14, 2022: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
117 S 4702	Related bill	Aug 2, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
117 HR 5314	Related bill	Dec 13, 2021: Received in the Senate.

Summary (as of Sep 15, 2022)

Preventing a Patronage System Act of 2021 or the PPSA Act of 2021

This bill prohibits executive agency positions in the competitive service from being placed in the excepted service, unless such positions are placed in Schedules A through E as in effect on September 30, 2020. The bill also prohibits positions in the excepted service from being placed in any schedule other than the aforementioned schedules.

On October 21, 2020, former President Donald Trump issued an executive order titled *Creating Schedule F in the Excepted Service*. The order placed executive agency positions that are of a confidential, policy-determining, policy-making, or policy-advocating character, and that are not normally subject to change as a result of a presidential transition, under a new schedule in the excepted service (Schedule F) instead of the competitive service. The order also required any such positions in the excepted service to be reclassified to Schedule F. The order was revoked by President Joe Biden on January 22, 2021.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 19, 2022:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Sep 15, 2022:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 1339. (consideration: CR H7848-7857)
- **Sep 15, 2022:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 302, H.R. 2988 and H.R. 8326. Rule provides for one hour of general debate each for H.R. 302, H.R. 2988, and H.R. 8326. Rule also provides for one motion to recommit on each bill.
- **Sep 15, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 302.
- **Sep 15, 2022:** DEBATE - Pursuant to H. Res. 1339, the House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Hice (GA) Part A amendment No. 1.
- **Sep 15, 2022:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Sep 15, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 225 - 204 (Roll no. 432).
- **Sep 15, 2022:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 225 - 204 (Roll no. 432). (text: CR H7848)
- **Sep 15, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 13, 2022:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 1339 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 302, H.R. 2988 and H.R. 8326. Rule provides for one hour of general debate each for H.R. 302, H.R. 2988, and H.R. 8326. Rule also provides for one motion to recommit on each bill.
- **Sep 2, 2022:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Oversight and Reform. H. Rept. 117-455.
- **Sep 2, 2022:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 352.
- **May 25, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 25, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 22 - 18.
- **Jan 13, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 13, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.