

HR 3598

POWERS Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: International Affairs

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship. (Nov 1, 2022)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Keller, Fred [R-PA-12]

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bice, Stephanie I. [R-OK-5]	R · OK		Jun 14, 2021
Rep. Cawthorn, Madison [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Jun 14, 2021
Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Jun 14, 2021
Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-25]	R · FL		Jun 22, 2021
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Mar 3, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	May 28, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1764	Identical bill	May 20, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Protecting Our Wellbeing by Expanding Russian Sanctions Act or the POWERS Act

This bill expands existing sanctions against foreign persons engaged in certain activities related to the Nord Stream 2 and TurkStream pipelines, two Russian pipelines that were constructed to supply natural gas to Europe.

Currently, these sanctions apply to foreign persons that (1) provided pipe-laying vessels for the construction of either pipeline, (2) facilitated certain transactions for such vessels, (3) provided certain underwriting services or insurance for such vessels, or (4) provided certain services for such vessels or Nord Stream 2. Under this bill, these sanctions must also apply to any foreign person that engaged in any transaction with such sanctioned persons.

The bill also reinstates any sanctions that were previously waived with respect to Nord Stream 2 AG (the company established to construct and operate the pipeline) or any of its corporate officers. Such reinstated sanctions may not be waived except by an act of Congress.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **May 28, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **May 28, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on 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.

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