

HR 3617

MORE Act

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (114 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		May 28, 2021
Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]	D · NY		May 28, 2021
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		May 28, 2021
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		May 28, 2021
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Bush, Cori [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Jun 30, 2021
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Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-18]	D · PA		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Jones, Mondaire [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Lawrence, Brenda L. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Newman, Marie [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Jun 30, 2021

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Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Strickland, Marilyn [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Kahele, Kaialii [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Jul 27, 2021
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Jul 27, 2021
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Jul 27, 2021
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Jul 27, 2021
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Jul 27, 2021
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Jul 27, 2021
Rep. Stansbury, Melanie Ann [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Jul 27, 2021
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Leger Fernandez, Teresa [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Torres, Ritchie [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Sep 23, 2021
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Sep 23, 2021
Rep. Clark, Katherine M. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Sep 27, 2021
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Sep 27, 2021
Rep. Gaetz, Matt [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Sep 27, 2021
Rep. Kirkpatrick, Ann [D-AZ-2]	D · AZ		Sep 27, 2021
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Sep 27, 2021
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Sep 27, 2021
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Sep 27, 2021
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Sep 28, 2021
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Sep 29, 2021
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]	D · IL		Sep 29, 2021
Rep. Brown, Anthony G. [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Oct 15, 2021
Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Oct 15, 2021
Rep. Castro, Joaquin [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Oct 15, 2021
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Oct 15, 2021
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Oct 15, 2021
Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Oct 15, 2021
Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, Alexandria [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Oct 15, 2021

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Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Oct 15, 2021
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Oct 15, 2021
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Oct 15, 2021
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Oct 15, 2021
Rep. Carter, Troy [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Oct 22, 2021
Rep. Crist, Charlie [D-FL-13]	D · FL		Oct 22, 2021
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-35]	D · TX		Oct 22, 2021
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Oct 22, 2021
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Oct 22, 2021
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Oct 28, 2021
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Nov 9, 2021
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Nov 9, 2021
Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Nov 9, 2021
Rep. Gomez, Jimmy [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Nov 12, 2021
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Nov 12, 2021
Rep. Bowman, Jamaal [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Nov 16, 2021
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Nov 16, 2021
Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Nov 23, 2021
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Jan 10, 2022
Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]	D · CO		Jan 18, 2022
Rep. Adams, Alma S. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		Jan 21, 2022
Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Jan 21, 2022
Rep. Bourdeaux, Carolyn [D-GA-7]	D · GA		Feb 8, 2022
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Feb 22, 2022
Rep. Brown, Shontel M. [D-OH-11]	D · OH		Feb 22, 2022
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Mar 9, 2022
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Mar 15, 2022
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Mar 24, 2022
Rep. Levin, Andy [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Mar 24, 2022
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Mar 24, 2022
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Mar 24, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 7, 2021
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Discharged From	Mar 24, 2022
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 31, 2021
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 4, 2022
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported By	Mar 24, 2022
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 5, 2021
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Discharged From	Mar 24, 2022
Small Business Committee	House	Discharged From	Mar 24, 2022
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 1, 2021
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Ways and Means Committee	House	Discharged From	Mar 24, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 4591	Related bill	Jul 21, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
117 HRES 1017	Related bill	Mar 31, 2022: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
117 HR 2649	Related bill	Oct 19, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 HR 2712	Related bill	Oct 19, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 HR 2652	Related bill	Apr 19, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.

Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement Act or the MORE Act

This bill decriminalizes marijuana.

Specifically, it removes marijuana from the list of scheduled substances under the Controlled Substances Act and eliminates criminal penalties for an individual who manufactures, distributes, or possesses marijuana.

The bill also makes other changes, including the following:

- replaces statutory references to *marijuana* and *marihuana* with *cannabis*,
- requires the Bureau of Labor Statistics to regularly publish demographic data on cannabis business owners and employees,
- establishes a trust fund to support various programs and services for individuals and businesses in communities impacted by the war on drugs,
- imposes an excise tax on cannabis products produced in or imported into the United States and an occupational tax on cannabis production facilities and export warehouses,
- makes Small Business Administration loans and services available to entities that are cannabis-related legitimate businesses or service providers,
- prohibits the denial of federal public benefits to a person on the basis of certain cannabis-related conduct or convictions,
- prohibits the denial of benefits and protections under immigration laws on the basis of a cannabis-related event (e.g., conduct or a conviction),
- establishes a process to expunge convictions and conduct sentencing review hearings related to federal cannabis offenses,
- directs the Government Accountability Office to study the societal impact of state legalization of recreational cannabis,
- directs the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to study methods for determining whether a driver is impaired by marijuana,
- directs the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health to study the impact of state legalization of recreational cannabis on the workplace, and
- directs the Department of Education to study the impact of state legalization of recreational cannabis on schools and school-aged children.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 4, 2022:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
- **Apr 1, 2022:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 1017. (consideration: CR H4078-4110, H4110-4111; text: CR S4078-4087)
- **Apr 1, 2022:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 3617 and H.R. 6833. The resolutions provides for one hour of general debate on H.R. 3617, under a structured rule. The resolution provides for one hour of general debate on H.R. 6833, under a closed rule. The rule provides that House Resolution 188, agreed to March 8, 2021, is amended by striking April 1, 2022 each place it appears and inserting April 29, 2022.
- **Apr 1, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 3617.
- **Apr 1, 2022:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1017, the House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Gottheimer amendment No. 1.
- **Apr 1, 2022:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Gottheimer amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Bentz demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **Apr 1, 2022:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1017, the House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Lamb amendment No. 2.
- **Apr 1, 2022:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Lamb amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Bentz demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **Apr 1, 2022:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1017, the House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Raskin amendment No. 3.
- **Apr 1, 2022:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Raskin amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Bentz demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **Apr 1, 2022:** UNFINISHED BUSINESS - The Chair announced that the unfinished business was on agreeing to amendments, which were debated earlier and on which further proceedings had been postponed. (consideration: CR H4111-4112)
- **Apr 1, 2022:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Apr 1, 2022:** Mr. Latta moved to recommit to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text: CR H4112-4116)
- **Apr 1, 2022:** The previous question on the motion to recommit was ordered pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XIX.
- **Apr 1, 2022:** On motion to recommit Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 202 - 220 (Roll no. 106).
- **Apr 1, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 220 - 204 (Roll no. 107).
- **Apr 1, 2022:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 220 - 204 (Roll no. 107).
- **Apr 1, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 31, 2022:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 1017 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 3617 and H.R. 6833. The resolutions provides for one hour of general debate on H.R. 3617, under a structured rule. The resolution provides for one hour of general debate on H.R. 6833, under a closed rule. The rule provides that House Resolution 188, agreed to March 8, 2021, is amended by striking April 1, 2022 each place it appears and inserting April 29, 2022.
- **Mar 24, 2022:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 117-276, Part I.
- **Mar 24, 2022:** Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged.
- **Mar 24, 2022:** Committee on Agriculture discharged.
- **Mar 24, 2022:** Committee on Education and Labor discharged.
- **Mar 24, 2022:** Committee on Ways and Means discharged.
- **Mar 24, 2022:** Committee on Small Business discharged.
- **Mar 24, 2022:** Committee on Natural Resources discharged.
- **Mar 24, 2022:** Committee on Oversight and Reform discharged.
- **Mar 24, 2022:** Committee on Transportation discharged.
- **Mar 24, 2022:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 203.
- **Sep 30, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 30, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute by the Yeas and Nays: 26 - 15.
- **Jul 7, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **Jul 5, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.

Jun 1, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.

• **Jun 1, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

• **Jun 1, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.

• **May 31, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

• **May 28, 2021:** Introduced in House

• **May 28, 2021:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E592)

• **May 28, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Agriculture, Education and Labor, Ways and Means, Small Business, Natural Resources, Oversight and Reform, and Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.