

S 3844

Economic Continuity and Stability Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 15, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 3779	Related bill	Mar 8, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
117 HR 4616	Related bill	Mar 3, 2022: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Hearings held.

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This bill provides for the transition of certain financial contracts away from the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR), a reference interest rate based upon the lending terms certain banks offer to each other for various lengths of time. LIBOR is set to be retired in 2023. Various financial contracts reference LIBOR as a benchmark for prevailing interest rates and use LIBOR in calculating certain payments or obligations.

In the event a contract referencing LIBOR does not have a fallback or replacement rate provision in effect when LIBOR is retired, or a replacement rate is not selected by a determining person as defined by the bill, the bill provides for a transition to a replacement rate selected by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. The bill also provides for conforming changes to these contracts, the continuity and enforceability of these contracts, tax treatment, and protections against liability as a result of such a transition.

Actions Timeline

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