HR 4081

Informing Consumers about Smart Devices Act

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Chamber: House
Policy Area: Commerce
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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Curtis, John R. [R-UT-3]
Party: Republican • **State:** UT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Jun 23, 2021
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Jul 1, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 11, 2022
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	Jun 23, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 5127	Related bill	**Nov 17, 2022:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
117 HRES 1396	Related bill	**Sep 28, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
117 HR 3898	Identical bill	**Jun 16, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.

Summary (as of Sep 29, 2022)

Informing Consumers about Smart Devices Act

This bill requires manufacturers of internet-connected devices (e.g., smart appliances) that are equipped with a camera or microphone to disclose to consumers that a camera or microphone is part of the device.

The bill does not apply to mobile phones, laptops, or other devices that a consumer would reasonably expect to include a camera or microphone.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 11, 2022:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Sep 29, 2022:** Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1396, proceedings on H.R. 4081 are considered vacated.
- **Sep 29, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: Pursuant to section 10 of H. Res. 1396, and the motion offered by Mr. Hoyer, the following bills passed under suspension of the rules: H.R. 1638, as amended; H.R. 3304, as amended; H.R. 4081, as amended; H.R. 4821, as amended; H.R. 6889, as amended; H.R. 6967, as amended; H.R. 8163, as amended; H.R. 8510, as amended; H.R. 8681, as amended; H.R. 8875, as amended; H.R. 8956; S. 1198; and agree to the Senate amendments to H.R. 5641.
- **Sep 29, 2022:** Pursuant to section 10 of H. Res. 1396, and the motion offered by Mr. Hoyer, the following bills passed under suspension of the rules: H.R. 1638, as amended; H.R. 3304, as amended; H.R. 4081, as amended; H.R. 4821, as amended; H.R. 6889, as amended; H.R. 6967, as amended; H.R. 8163, as amended; H.R. 8510, as amended; H.R. 8681, as amended; H.R. 8875, as amended; H.R. 8956; S. 1198; and agree to the Senate amendments to H.R. 5641. (text: CR H8153-8154)
- **Sep 28, 2022:** Reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 117-509.
- **Sep 28, 2022:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 383.
- **Sep 28, 2022:** Mr. Pallone moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 28, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8153-8154)
- **Sep 28, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4081.
- **Sep 28, 2022:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jul 20, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 20, 2022:** Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 53 - 0.
- **Jun 23, 2022:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 23, 2022:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by the Yeas and Nays: 21 - 0 .
- **Jun 24, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.
- **Jun 23, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 23, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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