

HR 4330

PRESS Act

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

Introduced: Jul 1, 2021

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sep 20, 2022)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/4330>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]

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

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA	Jul 1, 2021	
Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]	D · KY	Jul 1, 2021	
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC	Jul 20, 2021	
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR	Jul 20, 2021	
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA	Jul 20, 2021	
Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10]	D · FL	Jul 27, 2021	
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA	Jul 27, 2021	

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported By	Jun 7, 2022
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 20, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 2457	Related bill	Jul 22, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Protect Reporters from Exploitative State Spying Act or the PRESS Act

This bill prohibits the federal government from compelling journalists and providers of telecommunications services (e.g., phone and internet companies) to disclose certain protected information, except in limited circumstances such as to prevent terrorism or imminent violence.

Specifically, the bill protects from disclosure any information identifying a source, as well as any records, contents of a communication, documents, or information obtained or created by journalists in the course of their work. Further, the bill protects specified third parties, such as telecommunications carriers or social media companies, from being compelled to provide testimony or any document consisting of a record, information, or other communication that is stored by the third party on behalf of a journalist.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 20, 2022:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Sep 19, 2022:** Ms. Jackson Lee moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 19, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7927-7930)
- **Sep 19, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4330.
- **Sep 19, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Sep 19, 2022:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H7927-7928)
- **Sep 19, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 7, 2022:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 117-354.
- **Jun 7, 2022:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 268.
- **Apr 6, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 6, 2022:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 1, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 1, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.