# S 475

Juneteenth National Independence Day Act

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**Chamber:** Senate
**Policy Area:** Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues
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**Law:** 117-17 (Enacted Jun 17, 2021)
**Official Text:** https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/475

## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]
**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MA • **Chamber:** Senate

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| Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA] | D · GA | | Jun 8, 2021 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| Judiciary Committee | Senate | Discharged From | Jun 15, 2021 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

## Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
|---|---|---|
| 117 HRES 479 | Procedurally related | **Jun 16, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. |
| 117 HR 1320 | Related bill | **Feb 25, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform. |

## Summary (as of Jun 17, 2021)

### Juneteenth National Independence Day Act

This bill establishes Juneteenth National Independence Day, June 19, as a legal public holiday.

## Actions Timeline

- **Jun 17, 2021:** Presented to President.
- **Jun 17, 2021:** Signed by President.
- **Jun 17, 2021:** Became Public Law No: 117-17.
- **Jun 16, 2021:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 16, 2021:** Received in the House.
- **Jun 16, 2021:** Held at the desk.
- **Jun 16, 2021:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 479 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of S. 475 with 1 hour of general debate. The resolution provides for one motion to commit.
- **Jun 16, 2021:** Rule H. Res. 479 passed House.
- **Jun 16, 2021:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 479. (consideration: CR H2863-2872)
- **Jun 16, 2021:** Rule provides for consideration of S. 475 with 1 hour of general debate. The resolution provides for one motion to commit.
- **Jun 16, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on S. 475.
- **Jun 16, 2021:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Jun 16, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 415 - 14 (Roll no. 170).(text: CR H2864)
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- **Feb 25, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 25, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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