

HR 4785

Uyghur Policy Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: International Affairs

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Party: Republican • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

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| Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45] | D · CA | | Jul 26, 2022 |
| Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16] | D · TX | | Sep 2, 2022 |
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| Rep. Fallon, Pat [R-TX-4] | R · TX | | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8] | R · IN | | Sep 28, 2022 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Foreign Affairs Committee | House | Referred to | Aug 4, 2021 |
| Foreign Relations Committee | Senate | Referred To | Dec 5, 2022 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Dec 1, 2022)

Uyghur Policy Act of 2021

This bill addresses human rights issues concerning the Uyghurs and other minority groups in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region in China.

The bill authorizes the establishment of a Special Coordinator for Uyghur Issues position within the Department of State.

The State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs may, subject to appropriations, make certain funds available to human rights advocates working on behalf of Uyghurs and members of other ethnic and religious minority groups persecuted in China. The funds, if made available, shall be used to facilitate the presence of such human rights advocates at public diplomacy forums to speak on issues related to the human rights and religious freedoms of minority groups persecuted in China.

The State Department must ensure that Uyghur language training is available to Foreign Service officers. It must also ensure that a Uyghur-speaking member of the Foreign Service is assigned to U.S. diplomatic and consular missions in China.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 5, 2022:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Dec 1, 2022:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H8695-8696)
- **Dec 1, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 407 - 17 (Roll no. 494).
- **Dec 1, 2022:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 407 - 17 (Roll no. 494). (text: 11/29/2022 CR H8633-8634)
- **Dec 1, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 1, 2022:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 29, 2022:** Ms. Jacobs (CA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 29, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8633-8637)
- **Nov 29, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4785.
- **Nov 29, 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.
- **Sep 30, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 30, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Aug 4, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, Central Asia and Nonproliferation.
- **Jul 29, 2021:** Introduced in House
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