

HR 4821

Combating the Persecution of Religious Groups in China Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]

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

Cosponsors (39 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Aderholt, Robert B. [R-AL-4]	R · AL		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	R · GA		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Brooks, Mo [R-AL-5]	R · AL		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Buck, Ken [R-CO-4]	R · CO		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Budd, Ted [R-NC-13]	R · NC		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Gaetz, Matt [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Gallagher, Mike [R-WI-8]	R · WI		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]	R · TX		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Good, Bob [R-VA-5]	R · VA		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Guest, Michael [R-MS-3]	R · MS		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Harris, Andy [R-MD-1]	R · MD		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Hice, Jody B. [R-GA-10]	R · GA		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Letlow, Julia [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Mann, Tracey [R-KS-1]	R · KS		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Miller, Mary E. [R-IL-15]	R · IL		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Miller-Meeke, Mariannette [R-IA-2]	R · IA		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK-2]	R · OK		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Owens, Burgess [R-UT-4]	R · UT		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Pfluger, August [R-TX-11]	R · TX		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Reschenthaler, Guy [R-PA-14]	R · PA		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Salazar, Maria Elvira [R-FL-27]	R · FL		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Timmons, William R. IV [R-SC-4]	R · SC		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Waltz, Michael [R-FL-6]	R · FL		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Palmer, Gary J. [R-AL-6]	R · AL		Aug 24, 2021
Rep. Ellzey, Jake [R-TX-6]	R · TX		Nov 3, 2021
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Feb 7, 2022
Rep. Kim, Young [R-CA-39]	R · CA		Feb 7, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Feb 9, 2022
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 11, 2022
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 29, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 29, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HRES 1396	Related bill	Sep 28, 2022: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Summary (as of Sep 29, 2022)

Combating the Persecution of Religious Groups in China Act

This bill expresses the sense of Congress that the United States should promote religious freedom in China and makes statements of policy related to such freedom. In particular, the bill states that it is U.S. policy to consider senior Chinese government officials who are responsible for the persecution of Christians or other religious minorities in China to have committed (1) a gross violation of internationally recognized human rights for the purpose of imposing certain sanctions, and (2) a particularly severe violation of religious freedom for the purpose of determining whether such an individual is admissible into the United States.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 11, 2022:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Sep 29, 2022:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 29, 2022:** Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1396, proceedings on H.R. 4821 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.
- **Sep 28, 2022:** Mr. Castro (TX) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 28, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8200-8203; text: CR H8200-8201)
- **Sep 28, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4821.
- **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.
- **Feb 9, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 9, 2022:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Feb 8, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 29, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 29, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Jul 29, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.