

HR 4851

Protecting Our Widows and Widowers in Retirement (POWR) Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Social Welfare

Introduced: Jul 29, 2021

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security. (Jul 29, 2021)

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Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Ways and Means Committee | House | Referred to | Jul 29, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Social Welfare

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 117 HR 4921 | Related bill | Aug 3, 2021: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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. |
| 117 HR 3915 | Related bill | Jun 15, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security. |

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Actions Timeline

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