

HR 4914

Havana Syndrome Attacks Response Act

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Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Nov 9, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 3, 2021
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Oct 21, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

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International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Aug 3, 2021)

Havana Syndrome Attacks Response Act

This bill requires the President to sanction foreign persons and governments for carrying out clandestine attacks on U.S. personnel that have caused brain injury.

Specifically, the President must impose visa- and asset-blocking sanctions on any foreign person that has directed or carried out such an attack.

If the President determines a foreign government carried out such an attack, the President must notify Congress and sanction that country by

- terminating any foreign assistance (except for humanitarian aid or food or agricultural commodities or products) and arms transactions,
- restricting commercial exports, and
- denying access to U.S. credit or other financial assistance.

The President must remove these sanctions after 12 months, provided that (1) the country's government gives reliable assurances that it will not conduct future attacks, and (2) the executive branch does not have persuasive information indicating an attack occurred in the preceding six months.

The bill also requires a congressional briefing and report about suspected clandestine attacks on U.S. personnel that have caused brain injury, including hypotheses concerning the identity of the perpetrators and the technical methods used to carry out the attacks.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Oct 21, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 21, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Aug 3, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 3, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Financial Services, 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.

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