

HR 4996

Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 2021

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]

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

Cosponsors (96 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Johnson, Dusty [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		Aug 10, 2021
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Aug 13, 2021
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Aug 13, 2021
Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		Aug 13, 2021
Rep. Smith, Adrian [R-NE-3]	R · NE		Aug 13, 2021
Rep. Valadao, David G. [R-CA-21]	R · CA		Aug 13, 2021
Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	D · NJ		Aug 17, 2021
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-15]	R · PA		Aug 17, 2021
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Aug 20, 2021
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Aug 27, 2021
Rep. Baird, James R. [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Aug 31, 2021
Rep. Keller, Fred [R-PA-12]	R · PA		Aug 31, 2021
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Aug 31, 2021
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		Aug 31, 2021
Rep. Meuser, Daniel [R-PA-9]	R · PA		Sep 3, 2021
Rep. Jacobs, Chris [R-NY-27]	R · NY		Sep 10, 2021
Rep. Womack, Steve [R-AR-3]	R · AR		Sep 10, 2021
Rep. Delgado, Antonio [D-NY-19]	D · NY		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Hinson, Ashley [R-IA-1]	R · IA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Sep 22, 2021
Rep. Kirkpatrick, Ann [D-AZ-2]	D · AZ		Sep 23, 2021
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Sep 24, 2021
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Sep 24, 2021
Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	R · GA		Sep 27, 2021
Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Sep 27, 2021
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Sep 28, 2021
Rep. Cammack, Kat [R-FL-3]	R · FL		Sep 29, 2021
Rep. Reed, Tom [R-NY-23]	R · NY		Sep 29, 2021
Rep. Feenstra, Randy [R-IA-4]	R · IA		Oct 5, 2021
Rep. Wenstrup, Brad R. [R-OH-2]	R · OH		Oct 5, 2021
Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Oct 8, 2021
Rep. Long, Billy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		Oct 8, 2021
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Oct 12, 2021
Rep. Mann, Tracey [R-KS-1]	R · KS		Oct 12, 2021
Rep. Kim, Young [R-CA-39]	R · CA		Oct 15, 2021
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Oct 15, 2021
Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Oct 15, 2021
Rep. Bost, Mike [R-IL-12]	R · IL		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" [R-AR-1]	R · AR		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Harris, Andy [R-MD-1]	R · MD		Oct 19, 2021

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Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Malliotakis, Nicole [R-NY-11]	R · NY		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Maloney, Sean Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Herrell, Yvette [R-NM-2]	R · NM		Oct 21, 2021
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Oct 21, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Oct 22, 2021
Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	R · MI		Oct 25, 2021
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		Oct 26, 2021
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Oct 27, 2021
Rep. Meijer, Peter [R-MI-3]	R · MI		Oct 27, 2021
Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Oct 27, 2021
Rep. Buck, Ken [R-CO-4]	R · CO		Oct 28, 2021
Rep. Gonzalez, Anthony [R-OH-16]	R · OH		Oct 28, 2021
Rep. Huizenga, Bill [R-MI-2]	R · MI		Oct 28, 2021
Rep. McClain, Lisa C. [R-MI-10]	R · MI		Oct 28, 2021
Rep. Miller-Meeks, Mariannette [R-IA-2]	R · IA		Nov 1, 2021
Rep. Moolenaar, John R. [R-MI-4]	R · MI		Nov 1, 2021
Rep. Barr, Andy [R-KY-6]	R · KY		Nov 2, 2021
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		Nov 2, 2021
Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]	D · CO		Nov 2, 2021
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Nov 2, 2021
Rep. Schrader, Kurt [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Nov 2, 2021
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Nov 2, 2021
Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Nov 2, 2021
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Nov 4, 2021
Rep. Scott, Austin [R-GA-8]	R · GA		Nov 5, 2021
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Nov 9, 2021
Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Nov 15, 2021
Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Nov 15, 2021
Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-10]	R · OH		Nov 16, 2021
Rep. Bera, Ami [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Nov 18, 2021
Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Nov 18, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Nov 18, 2021
Rep. Newman, Marie [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Nov 23, 2021
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Nov 23, 2021
Rep. Bustos, Cheri [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Nov 30, 2021
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Nov 30, 2021
Rep. Mfume, Kweisi [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Nov 30, 2021
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Dec 1, 2021
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Dec 7, 2021
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Dec 7, 2021
Rep. Bergman, Jack [R-MI-1]	R · MI		Dec 7, 2021

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Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Dec 7, 2021
Rep. Davids, Sharice [D-KS-3]	D · KS		Dec 7, 2021
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Dec 7, 2021
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Dec 7, 2021
Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]	D · NJ		Dec 7, 2021
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		Dec 7, 2021
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Dec 7, 2021
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Dec 7, 2021
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Dec 7, 2021
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Dec 7, 2021
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Dec 7, 2021
Rep. Smucker, Lloyd [R-PA-11]	R · PA		Dec 7, 2021
Rep. Stevens, Haley M. [D-MI-11]	D · MI		Dec 7, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 9, 2021
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 11, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 3580	Related bill	Jun 16, 2022: Became Public Law No: 117-146.
117 HR 6865	Related bill	Mar 30, 2022: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 2021

This bill revises provisions related to ocean shipping policies and is designed to support the growth and development of U.S. exports and promote reciprocal trade in the common carriage of goods by water in the foreign commerce of the United States.

Among other provisions, the bill

- sets forth requirements for operating a shipping exchange involving ocean transportation in the foreign commerce of the United States;
- requires ocean common carriers to report to the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) each calendar quarter on total import and export tonnage and the total loaded and empty 20-foot equivalent units per vessel that makes port in the United States;
- requires the FMC to publish and annually update all its findings of false certifications by ocean common carriers or marine terminal operators and all penalties assessed against such carriers or operators;
- revises annual reporting requirements for the FMC on foreign laws and practices to include practices by ocean common carriers;
- prohibits ocean common carriers and marine terminal operators from retaliating or discriminating against shippers because such shippers have patronized another carrier, or filed a complaint;
- directs the FMC to establish rules prohibiting ocean common carriers and marine terminal operators from adopting and applying unjust and unreasonable demurrage and detention fees;
- authorizes the FMC to initiate investigations of an ocean common carrier's fees or charges and apply enforcement measures, as appropriate;
- directs the Department of Transportation to seek to enter into an agreement with the National Academy of Sciences to study the U.S. supply chain industry, including data constraints that impede the flow of maritime cargo and add to supply chain inefficiencies; and
- provides authority for the FMC to issue an emergency order requiring ocean common carriers or marine terminal operators to share directly with relevant shippers, rail carriers, or motor carriers information relating to cargo throughput and availability.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 9, 2021:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Dec 8, 2021:** Mr. Garamendi moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 8, 2021:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7472-7479)
- **Dec 8, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4996.
- **Dec 8, 2021:** 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.
- **Dec 8, 2021:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H7528-7529)
- **Dec 8, 2021:** 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): 364 - 60 (Roll no. 406).(text: CR H7473-7475)
- **Dec 8, 2021:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 364 - 60 (Roll no. 406). (text: CR H7473-7475)
- **Dec 8, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Aug 11, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- **Aug 10, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 10, 2021:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E888)
- **Aug 10, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.