

HR 5209

Counter-Kleptocracy Act

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Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Sep 10, 2021
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Sep 10, 2021
Rep. Levin, Andy [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Mar 1, 2022
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 10, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3781	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 HR 3887	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
117 HR 4142	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
117 HR 4322	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
117 HR 4557	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
117 HR 4737	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 HR 4806	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 S 3137	Related bill	Nov 2, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
117 S 2392	Related bill	Jul 20, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
117 S 14	Related bill	Jun 24, 2021: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 88.
117 S 2010	Related bill	Jun 10, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Sep 10, 2021)

Counter-Kleptocracy Act

This bill addresses prevention and elimination of corruption globally.

The Department of State must (1) annually rank, using specified standards, foreign countries based on their efforts to eliminate corruption; and (2) designate an anti-corruption contact in the diplomatic mission of any country that does not meet the standards. The State Department must also evaluate whether to sanction foreign persons engaged in significant corruption (1) in countries that make de minimis or no efforts to meet the standards, or (2) connected to a designated Russian pipeline project.

The President may temporarily sanction foreign persons engaging in public corruption activities (e.g. bribery).

The bill makes it a federal crime for foreign officials to demand or accept bribes to influence the performance of an official act or otherwise confer an improper advantage. Officials who engage in this conduct are subject to a fine, a prison term, or both. Funds recovered by prosecuting this crime shall be deposited into a new fund in the Treasury for anti-corruption initiatives.

The Department of Justice must make publicly available an accounting of property relating to foreign government corruption that is forfeited to the United States.

The bill addresses issues concerning U.S. visas, including related to (1) abuse of investor visas by corrupt foreign officials or criminals, and (2) foreign individuals denied admission to the United States because of adverse foreign policy consequences.

The bill also prohibits extraditions based solely on, and otherwise addresses, International Criminal Police Organization communications.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Sep 10, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 10, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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.