

## HJRES 53

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to prohibit the use of slavery and involuntary servitude as a punishment for a crime.

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Jun 17, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. (Nov 1, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-joint-resolution/53>

### Sponsor

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

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Rep. Brown, Shontel M. [D-OH-11]	D · OH		Dec 23, 2021
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Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Jan 6, 2022

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Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Mar 8, 2022
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Mar 15, 2022
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Del. Plaskett, Stacey E. [D-VI-At Large]	D · VI		Mar 16, 2022
Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10]	D · FL		Mar 16, 2022
Rep. McEachin, A. Donald [D-VA-4]	D · VA		Mar 16, 2022
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Mar 24, 2022
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Mar 31, 2022
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Rep. Newman, Marie [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Apr 6, 2022

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Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]	D · IL		Apr 6, 2022
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Rep. Manning, Kathy E. [D-NC-6]	D · NC		May 6, 2022
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-35]	D · TX		May 16, 2022
Rep. Mfume, Kweisi [D-MD-7]	D · MD		May 16, 2022
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		May 17, 2022
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		May 17, 2022
Rep. Jacobs, Sara [D-CA-53]	D · CA		May 18, 2022
Rep. Kahele, Kaiali'i [D-HI-2]	D · HI		May 18, 2022
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		May 18, 2022
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		May 18, 2022
Rep. Leger Fernandez, Teresa [D-NM-3]	D · NM		May 18, 2022
Rep. Malinowski, Tom [D-NJ-7]	D · NJ		May 18, 2022
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		May 18, 2022
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		May 18, 2022
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		May 18, 2022
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		May 18, 2022
Rep. Delgado, Antonio [D-NY-19]	D · NY		May 19, 2022
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		May 19, 2022
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		May 19, 2022
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Jun 3, 2022
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Jun 3, 2022
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Jun 3, 2022
Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]	D · IL		Jun 3, 2022
Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick, Sheila [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Jun 3, 2022
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Jun 3, 2022
Rep. Kirkpatrick, Ann [D-AZ-2]	D · AZ		Jun 3, 2022
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Jun 3, 2022
Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Jun 3, 2022
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Jun 3, 2022
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Jun 3, 2022
Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Jun 3, 2022
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Jun 3, 2022
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Jun 3, 2022
Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Jun 3, 2022

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Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Jun 3, 2022
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Jun 9, 2022
Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Jun 9, 2022
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Jun 9, 2022
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Jun 13, 2022
Rep. Fletcher, Lizzie [D-TX-7]	D · TX		Jun 13, 2022
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Jun 13, 2022
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Jun 13, 2022
Rep. Mrvan, Frank J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Jun 13, 2022
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Jun 13, 2022
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Jun 13, 2022
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Jun 13, 2022
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Jun 14, 2022
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Jun 14, 2022
Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Jun 14, 2022
Rep. Lee, Susie [D-NV-3]	D · NV		Jun 15, 2022
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Jun 15, 2022
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Jun 15, 2022
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Jun 15, 2022
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Jun 15, 2022
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Jun 16, 2022
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Jun 16, 2022
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Jun 16, 2022
Rep. Gomez, Jimmy [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Jun 16, 2022
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Jun 16, 2022
Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-8]	D · MI		Jun 16, 2022
Rep. Stevens, Haley M. [D-MI-11]	D · MI		Jun 16, 2022
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Jun 16, 2022
Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Jun 17, 2022
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Jun 17, 2022
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Jun 17, 2022
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Jun 17, 2022
Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Jun 17, 2022
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Jun 21, 2022
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2022
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2022
Rep. Bera, Ami [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Jun 22, 2022
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Jun 22, 2022
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Jun 23, 2022
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Lamb, Conor [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Jul 14, 2022

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Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Jul 14, 2022
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		Jul 18, 2022
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Jul 19, 2022
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Jul 20, 2022
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Aug 16, 2022
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Sep 20, 2022
Rep. Herrera Beutler, Jaime [R-WA-3]	R · WA		Sep 20, 2022
Rep. Timmons, William R. IV [R-SC-4]	R · SC		Sep 20, 2022
Rep. Kinzinger, Adam [R-IL-16]	R · IL		Sep 21, 2022
Rep. Moore, Blake D. [R-UT-1]	R · UT		Sep 21, 2022
Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	R · MI		Sep 21, 2022
Rep. Mace, Nancy [R-SC-1]	R · SC		Sep 22, 2022
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Sep 26, 2022
Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Sep 26, 2022
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8]	D · PA		Oct 4, 2022
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Oct 4, 2022
Rep. Gonzalez, Vicente [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Oct 4, 2022
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Oct 4, 2022
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Nov 30, 2022
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		Nov 30, 2022
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-18]	D · PA		Nov 30, 2022
Rep. Wexton, Jennifer [D-VA-10]	D · VA		Nov 30, 2022
Rep. Salazar, Maria Elvira [R-FL-27]	R · FL		Dec 1, 2022
Rep. Maloney, Sean Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Dec 5, 2022
Del. Sablan, Gregorio Kilili Camacho [D-MP-At Large]	D · MP		Dec 13, 2022
Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Dec 13, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 SJRES 21	Identical bill	<b>Jun 17, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

### Summary (as of Jun 17, 2021)

This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that prohibits slavery and involuntary servitude as a criminal punishment.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Jun 17, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 17, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.