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Protecting Our Democracy Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]

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

Cosponsors (168 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Adams, Alma S. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Auchincloss, Jake [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Bera, Ami [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Bourdeaux, Carolyn [D-GA-7]	D · GA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Clark, Katherine M. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10]	D · FL		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Fletcher, Lizzie [D-TX-7]	D · TX		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Sep 21, 2021

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Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Hoyer, Steny H. [D-MD-5]	D · MD		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Jacobs, Sara [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Jones, Mondaire [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]	D · NJ		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Lamb, Conor [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Lawrence, Brenda L. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Levin, Andy [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Malinowski, Tom [D-NJ-7]	D · NJ		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Maloney, Sean Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. McBath, Lucy [D-GA-6]	D · GA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, Alexandria [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Sep 21, 2021

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Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Stansbury, Melanie Ann [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Strickland, Marilyn [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Torres, Norma J. [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Torres, Ritchie [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Sep 22, 2021
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Sep 22, 2021
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Sep 22, 2021
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Sep 22, 2021
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]	D · IL		Sep 23, 2021
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Sep 23, 2021
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Sep 23, 2021
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Sep 24, 2021
Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Sep 24, 2021

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Rep. Bustos, Cheri [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Sep 27, 2021
Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]	D · CO		Sep 27, 2021
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Sep 27, 2021
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Sep 28, 2021
Rep. Allred, Colin Z. [D-TX-32]	D · TX		Oct 12, 2021
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Oct 12, 2021
Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Oct 12, 2021
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Oct 12, 2021
Rep. Kahele, Kaiali'i [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Oct 12, 2021
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Oct 12, 2021
Rep. Mfume, Kweisi [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Oct 12, 2021
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Oct 12, 2021
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Oct 15, 2021
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Oct 15, 2021
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Oct 15, 2021
Rep. Wexton, Jennifer [D-VA-10]	D · VA		Oct 15, 2021
Rep. Bowman, Jamaal [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-21]	D · FL		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Ruppertsberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Manning, Kathy E. [D-NC-6]	D · NC		Nov 3, 2021
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Nov 3, 2021
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-18]	D · PA		Nov 17, 2021
Rep. Leger Fernandez, Teresa [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Nov 17, 2021
Rep. Houlahan, Chrissy [D-PA-6]	D · PA		Nov 23, 2021
Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]	D · IL		Nov 23, 2021
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8]	D · PA		Dec 1, 2021
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Dec 1, 2021
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Dec 1, 2021
Del. Plaskett, Stacey E. [D-VI-At Large]	D · VI		Dec 2, 2021
Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]	D · IL		Dec 2, 2021
Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Dec 2, 2021
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Dec 7, 2021
Rep. Carter, Troy [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Dec 7, 2021
Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		Dec 7, 2021
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Dec 7, 2021

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Rep. Stevens, Haley M. [D-MI-11]	D · MI		Dec 7, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 21, 2021
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Sep 21, 2021
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 21, 2021
Intelligence (Permanent Select) Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 21, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 21, 2021
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 21, 2021
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 21, 2021
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 22, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 21, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 302	Related bill	Sep 19, 2022: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
117 HR 2988	Related bill	Sep 19, 2022: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
117 HR 8031	Related bill	Jun 13, 2022: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
117 HR 6177	Related bill	Dec 8, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
117 S 3345	Related bill	Dec 8, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
117 HRES 838	Related bill	Dec 7, 2021: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
117 HR 6062	Related bill	Nov 19, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.
117 S 2921	Related bill	Sep 30, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
117 HR 2994	Related bill	Jul 20, 2021: Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
117 HR 347	Related bill	Jan 19, 2021: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, 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.

Protecting Our Democracy Act

This bill addresses issues involving (1) abuses of presidential power; (2) checks and balances, accountability, and transparency; and (3) election integrity and security.

Specifically, regarding abuses of presidential power, the bill

- requires the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the President to submit to Congress specified materials relating to certain pardons,
- prohibits presidential self-pardons,
- suspends the statute of limitations for federal offenses committed by a sitting President or Vice President,
- prohibits the acceptance of foreign or domestic emoluments, and
- sets forth provisions regarding Office of Government Ethics and Office of Special Counsel jurisdiction and enforcement authority.

To address checks and balances, accountability, and transparency, the bill

- authorizes specified actions to enforce congressional subpoenas,
- imposes limits on presidential declarations of emergencies,
- requires DOJ to maintain a log of specified communications between it and the White House,
- requires cause for removal of inspectors general,
- increases whistleblower protections, and
- requires a candidate for President or Vice President to provide copies of tax returns for the 10 most recent taxable years to the Federal Election Commission.

To address election integrity and security, the bill

- requires federal campaign reporting of foreign contacts,
- makes various changes to requirements concerning foreign donations to political campaigns and candidates and foreign contributions to online electioneering communications,
- prohibits distribution of materially deceptive audio or visual media prior to an election (i.e., deepfakes), and
- establishes a program to support states and localities transition to ranked choice voting systems.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 13, 2021:** Received in the Senate.
- **Dec 9, 2021:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 838. (consideration: CR H7562-7617)
- **Dec 9, 2021:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 5314, S. 1605 and S. 610 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order. Rule makes in order for the Speaker may entertain motions offered by the Majority Leader or a designee that the House suspend the rules as though under clause 1 of rule XV with respect to multiple measures that were the object of motions to suspend the rules on certain legislative days.
- **Dec 9, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 5314.
- **Dec 9, 2021:** DEBATE - The House continued with debate on H.R. 5314.
- **Dec 9, 2021:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 838, the House proceeded with 20 minutes of debate on the Carolyn B. Maloney amendment en bloc No. 1.
- **Dec 9, 2021:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Carolyn B. Maloney en bloc No. 1, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendments and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Comer demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **Dec 9, 2021:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 838, the House proceeded with 20 minutes of debate on the Carolyn B. Maloney amendment en bloc No. 2.
- **Dec 9, 2021:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Carolyn B. Maloney en bloc No. 2, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendments and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Comer demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **Dec 9, 2021:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 838, the House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Ocasio-Cortez amendment No. 25.
- **Dec 9, 2021:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Ocasio-Cortez amendment No. 25, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Comer demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **Dec 9, 2021:** UNFINISHED BUSINESS - The Chair announced that the unfinished business was the question on agreeing to amendments which had been debated earlier and on which further proceedings had been postponed. (consideration: CR H7613)
- **Dec 9, 2021:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Dec 9, 2021:** Mr. Davis, Rodney moved to recommit to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. (text: CR H7616)
- **Dec 9, 2021:** The previous question on the motion to recommit was ordered pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XIX.
- **Dec 9, 2021:** On motion to recommit Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 212 - 217 (Roll no. 439).
- **Dec 9, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 220 - 208 (Roll no. 440).
- **Dec 9, 2021:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 220 - 208 (Roll no. 440).
- **Dec 9, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 9, 2021:** The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references, and to make other necessary technical and conforming corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 5314.
- **Dec 7, 2021:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 838 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 5314, S. 1605 and S. 610 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order. Rule makes in order for the Speaker may entertain motions offered by the Majority Leader or a designee that the House suspend the rules as though under clause 1 of rule XV with respect to multiple measures that were the object of motions to suspend the rules on certain legislative days.
- **Sep 22, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **Sep 21, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 21, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, the Budget, Transportation and Infrastructure, Rules, Foreign Affairs, Ways and Means, Intelligence (Permanent Select), and House Administration, 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.