

HR 5497

BURMA Act of 2022

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

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Rep. Tenney, Claudia [R-NY-22]	R · NY		Oct 5, 2021
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Oct 5, 2021
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Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Oct 15, 2021
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Oct 15, 2021
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Oct 15, 2021
Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Oct 15, 2021
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Oct 21, 2021
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Oct 21, 2021
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Oct 21, 2021
Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]	D · NJ		Oct 21, 2021
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Oct 21, 2021
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Oct 21, 2021

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Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Oct 21, 2021
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Oct 28, 2021
Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Oct 28, 2021
Rep. Fletcher, Lizzie [D-TX-7]	D · TX		Oct 28, 2021
Rep. Lawrence, Brenda L. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Oct 28, 2021
Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Nov 5, 2021
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Nov 5, 2021
Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Nov 5, 2021
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		Nov 15, 2021
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Nov 19, 2021
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Dec 8, 2021
Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10]	D · FL		Dec 20, 2021
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Rep. Curtis, John R. [R-UT-3]	R · UT		Jan 11, 2022
Rep. Salazar, Maria Elvira [R-FL-27]	R · FL		Jan 11, 2022
Rep. Barr, Andy [R-KY-6]	R · KY		Jan 18, 2022
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Jan 18, 2022
Rep. Jackson, Ronny [R-TX-13]	R · TX		Jan 18, 2022
Rep. Steel, Michelle [R-CA-48]	R · CA		Jan 20, 2022
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Jan 28, 2022
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Jan 28, 2022
Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9]	R · VA		Jan 28, 2022
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Jan 28, 2022
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Jan 28, 2022
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2022
Rep. Levin, Andy [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Feb 1, 2022
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Feb 9, 2022
Rep. Delgado, Antonio [D-NY-19]	D · NY		Feb 9, 2022
Rep. Torres, Norma J. [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Feb 9, 2022
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Feb 18, 2022
Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Feb 18, 2022
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Feb 22, 2022
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Mar 1, 2022
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Mar 2, 2022
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Mar 15, 2022
Rep. Smith, Adrian [R-NE-3]	R · NE		Mar 15, 2022
Rep. Moore, Blake D. [R-UT-1]	R · UT		Mar 24, 2022
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Apr 1, 2022
Rep. Stansbury, Melanie Ann [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Apr 1, 2022
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Apr 4, 2022
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Apr 4, 2022
Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Apr 4, 2022

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Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Apr 4, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 5, 2021
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Oct 21, 2021
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 7, 2022
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 5, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 5, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 2937	Related bill	Oct 5, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S6920-6921)

Summary (as of Apr 6, 2022)

Burma Unified through Rigorous Military Accountability Act of 2022 or the BURMA Act of 2022

This bill imposes sanctions pertaining to Burma (Myanmar) and addresses related issues.

The President must impose property- and visa-blocking sanctions on certain foreign persons (i.e., an individual or entity), including those that (1) knowingly operate in Burma's defense sector, (2) are responsible for or complicit in undermining Burma's democratic processes, or (3) are senior leaders in Burma's military or government. The Department of the Treasury must prohibit or impose strict conditions on certain accounts used to facilitate transactions for such sanctioned persons.

The President may impose sanctions on Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise if such sanctions would support certain objectives, including reducing the Burmese military's ability to undermine democracy in Burma.

Before removing certain foreign persons from a list of specially designated nationals and blocked persons (commonly known as the SDN list), the President must certify to Congress that the person in question has not knowingly engaged in certain activities, such as supporting terrorism.

The bill authorizes Department of State and U.S. Agency for International Development activities in Burma and the surrounding region to support democracy activists, humanitarian assistance, and reconciliation efforts. The State Department may (1) continue to assist organizations supporting political prisoners in Burma, and (2) provide assistance to entities investigating crimes against humanity.

The President must direct U.S. representatives to the United Nations to vote and advocate for certain actions related to Burma, such as cutting off assistance to Burma's government.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 7, 2022:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Apr 6, 2022:** Mr. Meeks moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Apr 6, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4204-4212)
- **Apr 6, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5497.
- **Apr 6, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H4204-4209)
- **Apr 6, 2022:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4204-4209)
- **Apr 6, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **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.
- **Oct 5, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 5, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Financial Services, and Ways and Means, 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.
- **Oct 5, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.