

HR 6470

Defending Ukraine Sovereignty Act of 2022

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 21, 2022
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 21, 2022
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 21, 2022
Intelligence (Permanent Select) Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 21, 2022
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 3488	Identical bill	Jan 18, 2022: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 251.

Summary (as of Jan 21, 2022)

Defending Ukraine Sovereignty Act of 2022

This bill authorizes security assistance for Ukraine, requires sanctions against Russia if it escalates hostilities in or against Ukraine, and addresses related issues.

The bill (1) authorizes the Department of Defense to use various authorities to provide and expedite the delivery of defense articles to support Ukraine's armed forces, (2) allows the President to exercise drawdown authority to provide defense articles to Ukraine, and (3) authorizes the Department of State to provide International Military Education and Training assistance to Ukraine.

The President must periodically determine whether Russia's government is significantly escalating hostilities in or against Ukraine and whether such an escalation has the aim or effect of undermining Ukraine's government or interfering with Ukraine's sovereignty or territorial integrity. If the President determines that Russia's government has engaged in such escalation, the President must impose sanctions on (1) certain government officials, including Russia's president and prime minister; (2) certain Russian financial institutions; (3) entities involved in certain transactions involving Russian debt; (4) entities (and corporate officers of such entities) involved in constructing or operating Russia's Nord Stream 2 natural gas pipeline; and (5) certain entities involved in Russian resource extraction industries.

The President may terminate such sanctions after certifying to Congress that Russia's government has taken certain actions, such as entering into an agreed settlement with Ukraine's legitimate democratic government.

The bill also authorizes Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty to explore opening new bureaus to reach new audiences on Russia's periphery.

The State Department must establish an initiative to deepen and foster ties with the Baltic states.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Jan 21, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 21, 2022:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Financial Services, Armed Services, and Intelligence (Permanent Select), 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.