

## HR 8

Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Mar 1, 2021

**Current Status:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 390.

**Latest Action:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 390.  
(May 25, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/8>

### Sponsor

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**Name:** Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]

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

**Cosponsors** (210 total)

<b>Cosponsor</b>	<b>Party / State</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Date Joined</b>
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Mar 1, 2021
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Mar 1, 2021
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Mar 1, 2021
Rep. McBath, Lucy [D-GA-6]	D · GA		Mar 1, 2021
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Mar 1, 2021
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Mar 1, 2021
Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	R · MI		Mar 1, 2021
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Auchincloss, Jake [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Bera, Ami [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Brown, Anthony G. [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8]	D · PA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]	D · IL		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Castro, Joaquin [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Fletcher, Lizzie [D-TX-7]	D · TX		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Jacobs, Sara [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Lawrence, Brenda L. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Mar 2, 2021

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Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Malinowski, Tom [D-NJ-7]	D · NJ		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Manning, Kathy E. [D-NC-6]	D · NC		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. McEachin, A. Donald [D-VA-4]	D · VA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Newman, Marie [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Stanton, Greg [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Torres, Norma J. [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Mar 2, 2021

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Del. Plaskett, Stacey E. [D-VI-At Large]	D · VI		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Allred, Colin Z. [D-TX-32]	D · TX		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10]	D · FL		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]	D · IL		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-21]	D · FL		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Houlahan, Chrissy [D-PA-6]	D · PA		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Jones, Mondaire [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]	D · NJ		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Kirkpatrick, Ann [D-AZ-2]	D · AZ		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Levin, Andy [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Stevens, Haley M. [D-MI-11]	D · MI		Mar 3, 2021

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Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Wexton, Jennifer [D-VA-10]	D · VA		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Adams, Alma S. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Bourdeaux, Carolyn [D-GA-7]	D · GA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Bowman, Jamaal [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Bustos, Cheri [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Clark, Katherine M. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Crist, Charlie [D-FL-13]	D · FL		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]	D · CO		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Davids, Sharice [D-KS-3]	D · KS		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Delgado, Antonio [D-NY-19]	D · NY		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-35]	D · TX		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-18]	D · PA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Gomez, Jimmy [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	D · NJ		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Hoyer, Steny H. [D-MD-5]	D · MD		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Kahele, Kaiiali'i [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Mar 8, 2021

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Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Lamb, Conor [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Lee, Susie [D-NV-3]	D · NV		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Leger Fernandez, Teresa [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Maloney, Sean Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Mfume, Kweisi [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Mrvan, Frank J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Murphy, Stephanie N. [D-FL-7]	D · FL		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, Alexandria [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Schrader, Kurt [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-8]	D · MI		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Strickland, Marilyn [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Torres, Ritchie [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]	D · IL		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Mar 8, 2021

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Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Mar 8, 2021

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 1, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HRES 188	Related bill	<b>Mar 8, 2021:</b> Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
117 S 529	Related bill	<b>Mar 2, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## Summary (as of Mar 11, 2021)

### Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2021

This bill establishes new background check requirements for firearm transfers between private parties (i.e., unlicensed individuals).

Specifically, it prohibits a firearm transfer between private parties unless a licensed gun dealer, manufacturer, or importer first takes possession of the firearm to conduct a background check.

The prohibition does not apply to certain firearm transfers or exchanges, such as a gift between spouses in good faith.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 25, 2022:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 390.
- **May 24, 2022:** Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.
- **Mar 11, 2021:** Pursuant to clause 1(c) of Rule XIX, the House resumed consideration of H.R. 8.
- **Mar 11, 2021:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1330-1332)
- **Mar 11, 2021:** UNFINISHED BUSINESS - The Chair announced that the unfinished business was the question on agreeing to the motion to recommit H.R. 8 which had been debated earlier and on which further proceedings had been postponed.
- **Mar 11, 2021:** On motion to recommit Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 207 - 217 (Roll no. 74).
- **Mar 11, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 227 - 203 (Roll no. 75).(text: 3/10/2021 CR H1286-1287)
- **Mar 11, 2021:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 227 - 203 (Roll no. 75). (text: 3/10/2021 CR H1286-1287)
- **Mar 11, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table. Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 11, 2021:** Received in the Senate.
- **Mar 10, 2021:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 188. (consideration: CR H1286-1303)
- **Mar 10, 2021:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 842, H.R. 8 and H.R. 1446. Rule provides for one hour of general debate for H.R. 842, H.R. 8, and H.R. 1446. The rule provides for a motion to recommit on H.R. 842, H.R. 8, and H.R. 1446.
- **Mar 10, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 8.
- **Mar 10, 2021:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 188, the House proceeded with 20 minutes of debate on the Nadler en bloc amendment No. 1.
- **Mar 10, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table. Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 10, 2021:** Mr. Jordan moved to recommit to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text: CR H1302)
- **Mar 10, 2021:** The previous question on the motion to recommit was ordered without objection.
- **Mar 10, 2021:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Jordan motion to recommit, the Chair put the question on agreeing to the motion to recommit and by voice vote announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Jordan demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **Mar 10, 2021:** Pursuant to clause 1(c) of Rule XIX, further consideration of H.R. 8 is postponed.
- **Mar 8, 2021:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 188 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 842, H.R. 8 and H.R. 1446. Rule provides for one hour of general debate for H.R. 842, H.R. 8, and H.R. 1446. The rule provides for a motion to recommit on H.R. 842, H.R. 8, and H.R. 1446.
- **Mar 1, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 1, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.