

## S 812

A bill to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to regain observer status for Taiwan in the World Health Organization, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

**Introduced:** Mar 17, 2021

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 117-124.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 117-124. (May 13, 2022)

**Law:** 117-124 (Enacted May 13, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/812>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]

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

### Cosponsors (3 total)

| Cosponsor                         | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]      | R · OK        |      | Mar 17, 2021 |
| Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE] | D · DE        |      | Jul 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]             | R · TX        |      | Jul 28, 2021 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                   | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|-----------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Foreign Relations Committee | Senate  | Reported By | Jul 28, 2021 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

International Affairs

### Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship   | Last Action  |
|-------------|----------------|--|
| 117 HR 1145 | Identical bill | <b>Mar 25, 2021:</b> Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute by Voice Vote. |

### Summary (as of May 13, 2022)

This bill directs the Department of State to include additional information in its annual reports concerning Taiwan's participation at the World Health Organization's World Health Assembly (WHA) as an observer. The report shall describe changes and improvements to the State Department's plan to support Taiwan's observer status at the WHA, following any meetings at which Taiwan did not participate under such status. (China has opposed Taiwan's participation in the WHA.)

## Actions Timeline

---

- **May 13, 2022:** Signed by President.
- **May 13, 2022:** Became Public Law No: 117-124.
- **May 3, 2022:** Presented to President.
- **Apr 27, 2022:** Mr. Connolly moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Apr 27, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4550-4552)
- **Apr 27, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 812.
- **Apr 27, 2022:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Apr 27, 2022:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H4561)
- **Apr 27, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 425 - 0 (Roll no. 138).
- **Apr 27, 2022:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 425 - 0 (Roll no. 138). (text: CR H4550)
- **Apr 27, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Aug 10, 2021:** Received in the House.
- **Aug 10, 2021:** Held at the desk.
- **Aug 9, 2021:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Aug 6, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S5989-5990; text: CR S5989-5990)
- **Aug 6, 2021:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S5989-5990; text: CR S5989-5990)
- **Jul 28, 2021:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jul 28, 2021:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Menendez without amendment. Without written report.
- **Jul 28, 2021:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 110.
- **Mar 17, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 17, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

# LegiList

CONGRESS, MADE CLEAR.

## Search Every Federal Bill, Law, and Vote

LegiList is the fastest way to research Congress. Track any bill from introduction to enactment, see how every legislator voted, follow committee activity, and read the full text of every bill — all in one place, always up to date.

[legilist.com](https://legilist.com)

## Free Course: Learn How Congress Actually Works

LegiList Learn is a free, self-paced course that walks through the entire legislative process — from drafting a bill to a presidential signature. Seven modules, plain language, no politics. Earn a certificate when you finish.

[legilist.com/learn](https://legilist.com/learn)

## Developer API: Build Apps on Legislative Data

The LegiList API gives developers direct access to bills, votes, legislators, committees, and more. Start free with 1,000 requests per day — no credit card required. Upgrade to Pro when you need to scale.

[legilist.com/api](https://legilist.com/api)

Public data belongs to the public. — [legilist.com](https://legilist.com)