

## HR 8326

### Ensuring a Fair and Accurate Census Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

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**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Government

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (Sep 19, 2022)

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Jul 13, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 19, 2022
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Reported By	Sep 9, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 5270	Related bill	Dec 15, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
117 HRES 1339	Related bill	Sep 14, 2022: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

## **Ensuring a Fair and Accurate Census Act**

This bill addresses the operations of the Bureau of the Census.

Specifically, the bill (1) requires the Deputy Director of the bureau to appoint an employee responsible for optimizing racial and ethnic equity in the decennial census of population; and (2) provides statutory authority for specified advisory committees.

The bureau may not include in the census any subject, type of information, or question that was not submitted to Congress.

The bureau must submit to Congress a report biannually that (1) describes each component of the operational plan for the subsequent decennial census of population; and (2) includes a detailed statement on the status of all research, testing, and operations that are part of the bureau's comprehensive plan for the decennial census.

The bureau must submit to Congress a certification stating that any question that has not appeared on the previous two decennial censuses has been researched, studied, and tested according to established statistical policies and procedures.

The Government Accountability Office must review such certification and report to Congress on whether the questions to be included have been researched, studied, and tested according to such policies and procedures.

The bureau, by January 1, 2026, and every 10 years thereafter, must transmit to Congress a lifecycle cost estimate for the decennial census of population first occurring after the date of transmittal.

The bureau must submit to Congress a report on local-level data and local field operations.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 19, 2022:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Sep 15, 2022:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H7858-7860)
- **Sep 15, 2022:** The House resolved into Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration.
- **Sep 15, 2022:** UNFINISHED BUSINESS - The Chair announced that the unfinished business was on agreeing to amendments, which had been debated earlier and on which further proceedings had been postponed.
- **Sep 15, 2022:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 8326.
- **Sep 15, 2022:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Sep 15, 2022:** The House adopted the amendments en gross as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.
- **Sep 15, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 220 - 208 (Roll no. 435).
- **Sep 15, 2022:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 220 - 208 (Roll no. 435).
- **Sep 15, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 14, 2022:** Rule H. Res. 1339 passed House.
- **Sep 14, 2022:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 1339. (consideration: CR H7833-7840; text: CR H7837-7838)
- **Sep 14, 2022:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 302, H.R. 2988 and H.R. 8326. Rule provides for one hour of general debate each for H.R. 302, H.R. 2988, and H.R. 8326. Rule also provides for one motion to recommit on each bill.
- **Sep 14, 2022:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 1339 and Rule XVIII.
- **Sep 14, 2022:** The Speaker designated the Honorable Earl Blumenauer to act as Chairman of the Committee.
- **Sep 14, 2022:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 8326.
- **Sep 14, 2022:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1339, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 20 minutes of debate on the Danny K. Davis en bloc amendment.
- **Sep 14, 2022:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Danny K. Davis en bloc amendment, the Chair put the question on the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Comer demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **Sep 14, 2022:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1339, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Hice (GA) amendment No. 2.
- **Sep 14, 2022:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Hice (GA) amendment, the Chair put the question on the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Hice (GA) demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **Sep 14, 2022:** Mr. Davis, Danny K. moved that the committee rise.
- **Sep 14, 2022:** On motion that the committee rise Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Sep 14, 2022:** Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union rises leaving H.R. 8326 as unfinished business.
- **Sep 13, 2022:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 1339 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 302, H.R. 2988 and H.R. 8326. Rule provides for one hour of general debate each for H.R. 302, H.R. 2988, and H.R. 8326. Rule also provides for one motion to recommit on each bill.
- **Sep 9, 2022:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Oversight and Reform. H. Rept. 117-456.
- **Sep 9, 2022:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 353.
- **Jul 20, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 20, 2022:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 25 - 17.
- **Jul 14, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 11, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 11, 2022:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.