

HR 8520

Countering Untrusted Telecommunications Abroad Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Jul 26, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 26, 2022
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Jul 28, 2022
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 21, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HRES 1361	Related bill	Sep 20, 2022: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

## Countering Untrusted Telecommunications Abroad Act

This bill requires the Department of State to address the use of untrusted telecommunications equipment (and services). It also requires certain securities issuers to disclose the use of such equipment.

The State Department must provide support, such as diplomatic and political support, for certain telecommunications infrastructure projects that have the potential to promote U.S. national security interests.

Furthermore, a securities issuer that is required to file annual or quarterly reports with the Securities Exchange Commission must periodically disclose whether it used or contracted to use telecommunications equipment deemed by the Federal Communications Commission to pose an unacceptable risk to U.S. national security or the security and safety of U.S. persons. The disclosure must contain certain information, including whether the equipment is being used in a mobile network run by the issuer.

The State Department must report to Congress on (1) the prevalence of such telecommunications equipment in the networks of U.S. allies and partners, and (2) the use of such telecommunications equipment in U.S. embassies and by embassy staff and personnel.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 21, 2022:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Sep 20, 2022:** Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1361, proceedings on H.R. 8520 are considered vacated.
- **Sep 20, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: Pursuant to section 2 of H. Res. 1361, and the motion offered by Mr. Hoyer, the following bills passed under suspension of the rules: H.R. 1433, as amended; H.R. 4009, as amended; H.R. 4358, as amended; H.R. 6265; H.R. 6846, as amended; H.R. 7240, as amended; H.R. 7338, as amended; H.R. 8453, as amended; H.R. 8503, as amended; and H.R. 8520, as amended; and the following resolution was agreed to under suspension of the rules: H. Res. 558, as amended.
- **Sep 20, 2022:** Pursuant to section 2 of H. Res. 1361, and the motion offered by Mr. Hoyer, the following bills passed under suspension of the rules: H.R. 1433, as amended; H.R. 4009, as amended; H.R. 4358, as amended; H.R. 6265; H.R. 6846, as amended; H.R. 7240, as amended; H.R. 7338, as amended; H.R. 8453, as amended; H.R. 8503, as amended; and H.R. 8520, as amended; and the following resolution was agreed to under suspension of the rules: H. Res. 558, as amended. (consideration: CR H7984-7992; text: CR H7990-7991)
- **Sep 19, 2022:** Mr. Malinowski moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 19, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7902-7904)
- **Sep 19, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 8520.
- **Sep 19, 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.
- **Jul 28, 2022:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 28, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 26, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 26, 2022:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, 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.