

HR 9448

Free Speech Defense Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability. (Dec 8, 2022)

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Sponsor

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Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Dec 7, 2022
Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]	R · AZ		Dec 7, 2022
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Rep. Comer, James [R-KY-1]	R · KY		Dec 7, 2022
Rep. Gaetz, Matt [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Dec 7, 2022
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		Dec 7, 2022
Rep. Massie, Thomas [R-KY-4]	R · KY		Dec 7, 2022
Rep. Miller, Mary E. [R-IL-15]	R · IL		Dec 7, 2022
Rep. Moore, Barry [R-AL-2]	R · AL		Dec 7, 2022
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 7, 2022
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 8, 2022
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 7, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 7641	Related bill	May 3, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability.

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This bill addresses issues relating to the federal government and social media. For example, the bill (1) terminates the Disinformation Governance Board; and (2) prohibits the federal government from encouraging a social media company to remove a user or label content as misinformation, with certain exceptions.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 8, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability.
- **Dec 7, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 7, 2022:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Reform, and Homeland Security, 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.