

HR 1151

USA Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: International Affairs

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Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (Apr 18, 2023)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

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Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Feb 24, 2023
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Feb 28, 2023
Rep. Allred, Colin Z. [D-TX-32]	D · TX		Mar 3, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Feb 28, 2023
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 18, 2023
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 24, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Upholding Sovereignty of Airspace Act or the USA Act

This bill requires and authorizes actions in response to the Chinese government's global surveillance program, including the Chinese government's use of surveillance balloons.

The President may impose property- and visa-blocking sanctions on foreign individuals that directly manage or oversee the Chinese government's global surveillance balloon program.

In addition, the Department of Commerce must report to Congress an evaluation of what export controls are appropriate for aerospace-related items and technologies that are used for intelligence and reconnaissance by China's military.

The bill also requires the Department of State to report to Congress a diplomatic strategy to (1) inform U.S. allies and partners of the scope of the Chinese government's surveillance program, and (2) build a global consensus to address the Chinese government's global surveillance balloon program.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 18, 2023:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Apr 17, 2023:** Mr. Mast moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Apr 17, 2023:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1735-1738)
- **Apr 17, 2023:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1151.
- **Apr 17, 2023:** 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 17, 2023:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1739-1740)
- **Apr 17, 2023:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 405 - 6 (Roll no. 183). (text: CR H1735-1736)
- **Apr 17, 2023:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 405 - 6 (Roll no. 183). (text: CR H1735-1736)
- **Apr 17, 2023:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 28, 2023:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 28, 2023:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Feb 24, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 24, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.

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