

HR 1163

Protecting Taxpayers and Victims of Unemployment Fraud Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Smith, Jason [R-MO-8]

Party: Republican • **State:** MO • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (35 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Arrington, Jodey C. [R-TX-19]	R · TX		Feb 24, 2023
Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16]	R · FL		Feb 24, 2023
Rep. Carey, Mike [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Feb 24, 2023
Rep. Comer, James [R-KY-1]	R · KY		Feb 24, 2023
Rep. Estes, Ron [R-KS-4]	R · KS		Feb 24, 2023
Rep. Feenstra, Randy [R-IA-4]	R · IA		Feb 24, 2023
Rep. Ferguson, A. Drew, IV [R-GA-3]	R · GA		Feb 24, 2023
Rep. Fischbach, Michelle [R-MN-7]	R · MN		Feb 24, 2023
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Feb 24, 2023
Rep. Hern, Kevin [R-OK-1]	R · OK		Feb 24, 2023
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Feb 24, 2023
Rep. Kustoff, David [R-TN-8]	R · TN		Feb 24, 2023
Rep. LaHood, Darin [R-IL-16]	R · IL		Feb 24, 2023
Rep. Malliotakis, Nicole [R-NY-11]	R · NY		Feb 24, 2023
Rep. Miller, Carol D. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Feb 24, 2023
Rep. Moore, Blake D. [R-UT-1]	R · UT		Feb 24, 2023
Rep. Murphy, Gregory F. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Feb 24, 2023
Rep. Schweikert, David [R-AZ-1]	R · AZ		Feb 24, 2023
Rep. Smith, Adrian [R-NE-3]	R · NE		Feb 24, 2023
Rep. Smucker, Lloyd [R-PA-11]	R · PA		Feb 24, 2023
Rep. Steel, Michelle [R-CA-45]	R · CA		Feb 24, 2023
Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Feb 24, 2023
Rep. Tenney, Claudia [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Feb 24, 2023
Rep. Van Duyne, Beth [R-TX-24]	R · TX		Feb 24, 2023
Rep. Wenstrup, Brad R. [R-OH-2]	R · OH		Feb 24, 2023
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-17]	R · TX		Feb 27, 2023
Rep. Greene, Marjorie Taylor [R-GA-14]	R · GA		Mar 7, 2023
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Mar 7, 2023
Rep. Santos, George [R-NY-3]	R · NY		Mar 7, 2023
Rep. Donalds, Byron [R-FL-19]	R · FL		Mar 14, 2023
Rep. Hill, J. French [R-AR-2]	R · AR		Mar 14, 2023
Rep. Jackson, Ronny [R-TX-13]	R · TX		Mar 14, 2023
Rep. Rogers, Mike D. [R-AL-3]	R · AL		Mar 14, 2023
Rep. Yakym, Rudy [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Mar 14, 2023
Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-21]	R · FL		Mar 17, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Unknown	May 11, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 1587	Related bill	May 11, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
118 HRES 383	Related bill	May 10, 2023: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Summary (as of May 11, 2023)

Protecting Taxpayers and Victims of Unemployment Fraud Act

This bill addresses fraud and overpayments of pandemic unemployment insurance (UI) benefits, including by providing incentives for states to investigate and recover overpayments of these benefits.

Specifically, the bill allows states to retain 25% of any recovered fraudulent overpayments. These retained funds may be used for modernizing unemployment compensation systems and information technology, reimbursing administrative costs, hiring fraud investigators and prosecutors, and for other program integrity activities.

Additionally, the bill allows states to retain 5% of any overpayments of regular and extended UI benefits. A state must, in order to retain these overpayments, certify that it has met certain conditions for data matching.

Next, the bill extends from 3 to 10 years the time during which states can recover overpayments of pandemic UI benefits.

Further, the bill extends flexibilities for states to hire temporary staff on a noncompetitive basis to identify, pursue, and recover fraudulent overpayments under federal pandemic unemployment compensation programs authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

The bill also extends from 5 to 10 years the statute of limitations for federal criminal charges or civil enforcement actions related to UI fraud.

Finally, the bill repeals a section of the CARES Act (as amended by the American Rescue Plan of 2021) that provided funding for UI program integrity activities. Subject to appropriations, the unobligated balance of this funding shall be transferred to the Department of the Treasury and periodically credited to the appropriate state account in the Unemployment Trust Fund, as outlined by the bill.

Actions Timeline

- **May 11, 2023:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 383. (consideration: CR H2281-2292)
- **May 11, 2023:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2 and H.R. 1163. The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 2 under a closed rule with five hours of general debate, and the resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 1163 under a closed rule with one hour of general debate. The resolution provides for a motion to recommit on each measure.
- **May 11, 2023:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 1163.
- **May 11, 2023:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **May 11, 2023:** Mrs. Sykes moved to recommit to the Committee on Ways and Means. (text: CR H2292)
- **May 11, 2023:** The previous question on the motion to recommit was ordered pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XIX.
- **May 11, 2023:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - The Chair put the question on the motion to recommit the bill and by voice vote announced the noes had prevailed. Mrs. Sykes demanded the yeas and nays, and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **May 11, 2023:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2294-2295)
- **May 11, 2023:** On motion to recommit Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 210 - 221 (Roll no. 210).
- **May 11, 2023:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 230 - 200 (Roll no. 211). (text: CR H2281-2283)
- **May 11, 2023:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 230 - 200 (Roll no. 211). (text: CR H2281-2283)
- **May 11, 2023:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 10, 2023:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 383 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2 and H.R. 1163. The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 2 under a closed rule with five hours of general debate, and the resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 1163 under a closed rule with one hour of general debate. The resolution provides for a motion to recommit on each measure.
- **May 10, 2023:** Rule H. Res. 383 passed House.
- **Apr 6, 2023:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Ways and Means. H. Rept. 118-34.
- **Apr 6, 2023:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 21.
- **Feb 28, 2023:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 28, 2023:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 20 - 17.
- **Feb 24, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 24, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.