

HR 1189

Undersea Cable Control 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. (Mar 28, 2023)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-21]

Party: Republican • State: FL • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]	D · NJ		Feb 24, 2023
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Feb 28, 2023
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Feb 28, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Feb 28, 2023
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 28, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Undersea Cable Control Act

The bill seeks to prevent foreign adversaries from acquiring goods and technologies capable of supporting the construction, maintenance, or operation of undersea cable projects. For the purposes of this bill, a *foreign adversary* is China or any foreign government or nongovernment person (entity or individual) engaged in certain conduct that significantly and adversely affects U.S. security.

The President must seek to enter into agreements with allies and partners to prevent such goods and technologies from being available to foreign adversaries.

Furthermore, the Department of Commerce must determine the appropriate level of export and transfer controls for such technologies under the Export Administration Regulations.

The bill also requires the Department of State to develop a strategy to prevent such goods and technologies from being available to foreign adversaries. The President must report annually to Congress on this strategy.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 28, 2023:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Mar 27, 2023:** Mr. Mast moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Mar 27, 2023:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1451-1452)
- **Mar 27, 2023:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1189.
- **Mar 27, 2023:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H1451)
- **Mar 27, 2023:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H1451)
- **Mar 27, 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 by Voice Vote.
- **Feb 24, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 24, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.