

S 138

Promoting a Resolution to the Tibet-China Dispute Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: International Affairs

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]

Party: Democratic • **State:** OR • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		Jan 30, 2023
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Apr 18, 2023
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Apr 25, 2023
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Apr 25, 2023
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Oct 17, 2023
Sen. Romney, Mitt [R-UT]	R · UT		Nov 2, 2023
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Apr 9, 2024
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Apr 9, 2024
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Apr 15, 2024
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Apr 15, 2024
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Apr 16, 2024
Sen. Butler, Laphonza R. [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 30, 2024
Sen. Welch, Peter [D-VT]	D · VT		Apr 30, 2024
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		May 8, 2024
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		May 20, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 7, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 12, 2024)

Promoting a Resolution to the Tibet-China Dispute Act

This act addresses issues relating to Tibet, including by establishing a statutory definition of Tibet that includes areas in Chinese provinces outside the Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR).

For the purposes of a federal law concerning U.S. policies and activities relating to Tibet, this act defines Tibet to include the TAR and the Tibetan areas of the Qinghai, Sichuan, Gansu, and Yunnan provinces. (Generally, when China's government refers to Tibet, it means only the TAR, but it recognizes the areas included in this act's definition as Tibetan. China's government formally established the TAR in 1965.)

Furthermore, the duties of the Office of the U.S. Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues shall include working with relevant bureaus in the Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development to ensure that U.S. government statements and documents counter, as appropriate, disinformation about Tibet by China's government and the Chinese Communist Party, including disinformation about Tibet's history and institutions.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 12, 2024:** Signed by President.
- **Jul 12, 2024:** Became Public Law No: 118-70.
- **Jul 8, 2024:** Presented to President.
- **Jun 12, 2024:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H3738-3739)
- **Jun 12, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 391 - 26 (Roll no. 252). (text: 6/11/2024 CR H3701-3702)
- **Jun 12, 2024:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 391 - 26 (Roll no. 252). (text: 6/11/2024 CR H3701-3702)
- **Jun 12, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 11, 2024:** Mr. McCaul moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jun 11, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3701-3704)
- **Jun 11, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 138.
- **Jun 11, 2024:** 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.
- **May 31, 2024:** Received in the House.
- **May 31, 2024:** Held at the desk.
- **May 30, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 23, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S3898-3899; text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S3898)
- **May 23, 2024:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S3898-3899; text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S3898)
- **May 7, 2024:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Cardin with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **May 7, 2024:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 367.
- **Apr 16, 2024:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jan 30, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 30, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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