

HRES 199

Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 140) to amend title 5, United States Code, to prohibit Federal employees from advocating for censorship of viewpoints in their official capacity, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 27) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States'"; and providing for consideration of the bill (S. 619) to require the Director of National Intelligence to declassify information relating to the origin of COVID-19, and for other purposes.

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Congress

Introduced: Mar 7, 2023

Current Status: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Latest Action: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. (Mar 8, 2023)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Massie, Thomas [R-KY-4]

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Rules Committee	House	Reported Original Measure	Mar 8, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Congress

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HJRES 27	Related bill	Apr 18, 2023: The Chair directed the Clerk to notify the Senate of the action of the House.
118 S 619	Procedurally related	Mar 20, 2023: Became Public Law No: 118-2.
118 HR 140	Related bill	Mar 14, 2023: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

This resolution sets forth the rule for consideration of

- H.R. 140 (Protecting Speech from Government Interference Act, which generally prohibits federal employees from censoring the speech of others while acting in an official capacity),
- H.J. Res. 27 (nullifies a rule submitted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency specifying the bodies of water that fall under the scope of the Clean Water Act), and
- S. 619 (COVID-19 Origin Act of 2023, which requires the Office of the Director of National Intelligence to declassify all information relating to the potential links between the Wuhan Institute of Virology and the origin of COVID-19).

Additionally, the resolution specifies procedures that apply if the President vetoes H.J. Res. 30 (nullifies a Department of Labor rule that permits fiduciaries of employee benefit plans to consider climate change and other environmental, social, and governance factors in investment decisions or when exercising shareholder rights).

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 8, 2023:** Considered as privileged matter. (consideration: CR H1161-1173; text: CR H1161-1162)
- **Mar 8, 2023:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H. Res. 199.
- **Mar 8, 2023:** On ordering the previous question on the amendment (A001) and the resolution. Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 217 - 205 (Roll no. 134).
- **Mar 8, 2023:** Passed/agreed to in House: On agreeing to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by recorded vote: 216 - 206 (Roll No. 135).
- **Mar 8, 2023:** On agreeing to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by recorded vote: 216 - 206 (Roll No. 135).
- **Mar 8, 2023:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 7, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 7, 2023:** The House Committee on Rules reported an original measure, H. Rept. 118-7, by Mr. Massie.
- **Mar 7, 2023:** The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 140, under a structured rule. The resolution provides for consideration of H.J.Res. 27 and S. 619, under closed rules. General debate is limited to one hour of debate on all measures.
- **Mar 7, 2023:** Placed on the House Calendar, Calendar No. 5.