

HR 538

Informing Consumers about Smart Devices Act

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Commerce

Introduced: Jan 26, 2023

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transp

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Curtis, John R. [R-UT-3]

Party: Republican • **State:** UT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Jan 26, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 28, 2023
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 3, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 90	Related bill	Nov 28, 2023: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 252.

Summary (as of Feb 27, 2023)

Informing Consumers about Smart Devices Act

This bill requires manufacturers of internet-connected devices (e.g., smart appliances) that are equipped with a camera or microphone to disclose to consumers that a camera or microphone is part of the device.

The bill does not apply to mobile phones, laptops, or other devices that a consumer would reasonably expect to include a camera or microphone.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 28, 2023:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Feb 27, 2023:** Mr. Bilirakis moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Feb 27, 2023:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H891-892)
- **Feb 27, 2023:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 538.
- **Feb 27, 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.
- **Feb 27, 2023:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H897)
- **Feb 27, 2023:** 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): 406 - 12 (Roll no. 121). (text: CR H891)
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- **Feb 27, 2023:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 3, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce.
- **Jan 26, 2023:** Introduced in House
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