

## HR 5856

### Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2023

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Sep 29, 2023

**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. (Feb 26, 2024)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/5856>

#### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]

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

#### Cosponsors (23 total)

| Cosponsor   | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|---|---------------|------|--------------|
| Del. Radewagen, Aumua Amata Coleman [R-AS-At Large] | R · AS        |      | Sep 29, 2023 |
| Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]                  | R · TX        |      | Sep 29, 2023 |
| Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]                       | D · TX        |      | Sep 29, 2023 |
| Rep. Manning, Kathy E. [D-NC-6]                     | D · NC        |      | Sep 29, 2023 |
| Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]                   | R · TX        |      | Sep 29, 2023 |
| Rep. Salazar, Maria Elvira [R-FL-27]                | R · FL        |      | Sep 29, 2023 |
| Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]                           | R · MO        |      | Sep 29, 2023 |
| Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]                           | D · PA        |      | Sep 29, 2023 |
| Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]                           | R · SC        |      | Sep 29, 2023 |
| Rep. Davis, Donald G. [D-NC-1]                      | D · NC        |      | Oct 6, 2023  |
| Rep. Lawler, Michael [R-NY-17]                      | R · NY        |      | Nov 6, 2023  |
| Rep. Mills, Cory [R-FL-7]                           | R · FL        |      | Nov 9, 2023  |
| Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]                            | R · NE        |      | Nov 15, 2023 |
| Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-9]                          | D · CA        |      | Dec 6, 2023  |
| Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-7]                       | D · MI        |      | Dec 6, 2023  |
| Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]                           | D · CO        |      | Dec 12, 2023 |
| Rep. Jackson, Jeff [D-NC-14]                        | D · NC        |      | Dec 14, 2023 |
| Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]          | D · DE        |      | Jan 11, 2024 |
| Rep. Valadao, David G. [R-CA-22]                    | R · CA        |      | Feb 9, 2024  |
| Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]         | D · DC        |      | Feb 13, 2024 |
| Rep. LaLota, Nick [R-NY-1]                          | R · NY        |      | Feb 13, 2024 |
| Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-47]                        | D · CA        |      | Feb 13, 2024 |
| Rescom. González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]   | R · PR        |      | Feb 13, 2024 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee                         | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Education and Workforce Committee | House   | Referred To | Sep 29, 2023 |
| Foreign Affairs Committee         | House   | Markup By   | Nov 7, 2023  |
| Foreign Relations Committee       | Senate  | Referred To | Feb 26, 2024 |
| Judiciary Committee               | House   | Referred To | Sep 29, 2023 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Feb 13, 2024)

#### Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2023

This bill reauthorizes and updates various international antitrafficking activities and foreign assistance programs; requires counter-trafficking strategies, activities, and efforts to be further integrated into projects supported by U.S. foreign assistance; and requires the annual Trafficking in Persons Report to include information about the trafficking in persons for the purposes of organ removal.

### Actions Timeline

- **Feb 26, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Feb 13, 2024:** Mr. Smith (NJ) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Feb 13, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H565-571)
- **Feb 13, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5856.
- **Feb 13, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 414 - 11 (Roll no. 41). (text: CR H565-567)
- **Feb 13, 2024:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 414 - 11 (Roll no. 41). (text: CR H565-567)
- **Feb 13, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 7, 2023:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Nov 7, 2023:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 44 - 0.
- **Sep 29, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 29, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.