

HR 6972

Securing Chain of Command Continuity Act

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • State: VA • Chamber: House

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Rep. Davis, Donald G. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Jan 11, 2024
Rep. Fallon, Pat [R-TX-4]	R · TX		Jan 11, 2024
Rep. Gimenez, Carlos A. [R-FL-28]	R · FL		Jan 11, 2024
Rep. Mace, Nancy [R-SC-1]	R · SC		Jan 11, 2024
Rep. Owens, Burgess [R-UT-4]	R · UT		Jan 11, 2024
Rep. Van Orden, Derrick [R-WI-3]	R · WI		Jan 11, 2024
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Jan 11, 2024
Rep. Bice, Stephanie I. [R-OK-5]	R · OK		Jan 17, 2024
Rep. Finstad, Brad [R-MN-1]	R · MN		Jan 17, 2024
Rep. Lawler, Michael [R-NY-17]	R · NY		Jan 17, 2024
Rep. Mills, Cory [R-FL-7]	R · FL		Jan 17, 2024
Rep. Houchin, Erin [R-IN-9]	R · IN		Feb 9, 2024
Rep. LaLota, Nick [R-NY-1]	R · NY		Feb 13, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 17, 2024
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Markup By	Feb 6, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Government Operations and Politics

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Jan 11, 2024)

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### Securing Chain of Command Continuity Act

This bill requires certain notifications whenever a head of an executive branch agency who is a member of the National Security Council (for example, the Secretary of State or the Secretary of Defense) becomes medically incapacitated.

In the event that such an agency head becomes medically incapacitated, the person serving in an acting capacity as the agency head (or, if no person is acting, the first assistant to the office of the agency head) must notify within 24 hours the Executive Office of the President, the Comptroller General, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate, and the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

In the event that such notifications are not made, the bill requires a report containing certain information related to the medical incapacitation, the individual who served in an acting capacity, and an explanation of why the required notifications were not made.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 17, 2024:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Peters with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 118-305.
- **Dec 17, 2024:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 711.
- **Nov 20, 2024:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **May 7, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **May 6, 2024:** Mr. LaTurner moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 6, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2840-2842)
- **May 6, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6972.
- **May 6, 2024:** Considered as unfinished business.
- **May 6, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2841)
- **May 6, 2024:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2841)
- **May 6, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 6, 2024:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Feb 6, 2024:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 41 - 0.
- **Jan 11, 2024:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 11, 2024:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability.