

HR 7152

Korean American Divided Families National Registry Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: International Affairs

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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. (Jul 8, 2024)

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (10 total)

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Rep. Steel, Michelle [R-CA-45]	R · CA		Jan 30, 2024
Rep. Kim, Young [R-CA-40]	R · CA		Jan 31, 2024
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Feb 5, 2024
Rep. Lawler, Michael [R-NY-17]	R · NY		Feb 5, 2024
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Feb 6, 2024
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2024
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Feb 9, 2024
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Mar 19, 2024
Rep. Malliotakis, Nicole [R-NY-11]	R · NY		Apr 9, 2024
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-12]	D · CA		Jun 3, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Feb 6, 2024
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 8, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 3876	Related bill	Mar 6, 2024: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Divided Families National Registry Act

This bill sets policy regarding families divided between North Korea and the United States. Specifically, the Department of State shall identify Korean American families who wish to be reunited with family members who live in North Korea and establish a national registry of information on those families to (1) facilitate future reunions, and (2) provide a repository of information about such families.

Additionally, the State Department shall ensure that any direct dialogue with North Korea includes progress towards holding future reunions for Korean American families and their family members who live in North Korea.

The State Department shall report to Congress periodically on the registry and on North Korean actions regarding potential reunions of divided families.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 8, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Jun 25, 2024:** Mr. McCormick moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jun 25, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4130-4132)
- **Jun 25, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 7152.
- **Jun 25, 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.
- **Jun 25, 2024:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H4138-4139)
- **Jun 25, 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): 375 - 8 (Roll no. 281). (text: CR H4130-4131)
- **Jun 25, 2024:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 375 - 8 (Roll no. 281). (text: CR H4130-4131)
- **Jun 25, 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 in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 49 - 0.
- **Jan 30, 2024:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 30, 2024:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.