

HR 7637

Refrigerator Freedom Act

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Energy

Introduced: Mar 12, 2024

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Jul 10, 2024)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Miller-Meeks, Mariannette [R-IA-1]

Party: Republican • State: IA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 15, 2024
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 10, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Energy

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HRES 1341	Related bill	Jul 9, 2024: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Summary (as of Jul 9, 2024)

Refrigerator Freedom Act

This bill places limits on the authority of the Department of Energy (DOE) to prescribe or enforce energy conservation standards for refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, and freezers. Specifically, the bill prohibits DOE from prescribing or enforcing such standards unless they (1) are technologically feasible and economically justified, (2) are not likely to result in additional net costs to the consumer, and (3) will result in significant conservation of energy.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 10, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Jul 9, 2024:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 1341 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 8281, H.J. Res. 165, H.R. 8772, H.R. 7637 and H.R. 7700 The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 8772 under a structured rule and H.R. 8281, H.J. Res. 165, H.R. 7700, and H.R. 7637 under a closed rule. Rule provides for one hour of general debate and one motion to recommit on each bill.
- **Jul 9, 2024:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 1341. (consideration: CR H4503-4508)
- **Jul 9, 2024:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 8281, H.J. Res. 165, H.R. 8772, H.R. 7637 and H.R. 7700 The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 8772 under a structured rule and H.R. 8281, H.J. Res. 165, H.R. 7700, and H.R. 7637 under a closed rule. Rule provides for one hour of general debate and one motion to recommit on each bill.
- **Jul 9, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 7637.
- **Jul 9, 2024:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Jul 9, 2024:** Ms. Strickland moved to recommit to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. (text: CR H4508)
- **Jul 9, 2024:** The previous question on the motion to recommit was ordered pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XIX.
- **Jul 9, 2024:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on H.R. 7637, the Chair put the question on the motion to recommit and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Ms. Strickland demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **Jul 9, 2024:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H4509-4510)
- **Jul 9, 2024:** On motion to recommit Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 186 - 188 (Roll no. 340).
- **Jul 9, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 212 - 192 (Roll no. 341). (text: CR H4503)
- **Jul 9, 2024:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 212 - 192 (Roll no. 341). (text: CR H4503)
- **Jul 9, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 10, 2024:** Reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 118-452.
- **Apr 10, 2024:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 375.
- **Mar 20, 2024:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Mar 20, 2024:** Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 25 - 21.
- **Mar 19, 2024:** Subcommittee on Energy, Climate and Grid Security Discharged
- **Mar 15, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy, Climate and Grid Security.
- **Mar 12, 2024:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 12, 2024:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.