

## HR 7764

Commission to Study the Potential Transfer of the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History to the Smithsonian Institution Act

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Arts, Culture, Religion

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**Law:** 118-144 (Enacted Dec 11, 2024)

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| Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-30]         | D · CA        |      | Sep 16, 2024 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee                          | Chamber | Activity        | Date         |
|------------------------------------|---------|-----------------|--------------|
| Committee on House Administration  | House   | Reported By     | Sep 18, 2024 |
| Rules and Administration Committee | Senate  | Discharged From | Dec 4, 2024  |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Arts, Culture, Religion

## Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship   | Last Action   |
|-------------|----------------|---|
| 118 HR 7764 | Related bill   | Dec 11, 2024: Became Public Law No: 118-144.  |
| 118 S 4001  | Identical bill | Mar 20, 2024: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. |

## **Commission to Study the Potential Transfer of the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History to the Smithsonian Institution Act**

This act establishes a commission to study the potential transfer of the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia to the Smithsonian Institution. The commission must report its plan and recommendations to Congress and the President no later than two years after the commission's first meeting.

The commission shall be composed of eight voting members appointed from among individuals or representatives of institutions with relevant expertise or interests (as further specified in the act). The Senate majority leader, Senate minority leader, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and House minority leader shall each appoint two voting members, with the chair elected by the commission members.

The commission's report must detail (1) the museum's collections and the extent to which such collections are already represented in the Smithsonian Institution; (2) the impact of the museum on educational and governmental efforts to study and counter antisemitism; (3) the museum's financial assets and liabilities; and (4) operating and maintenance costs for the museum. The report must also contain a fundraising plan and legislative recommendations.

The commission terminates 30 days after the final versions of its report, plan, and recommendations are submitted to Congress.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 11, 2024:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 11, 2024:** Became Public Law No: 118-144.
- **Dec 5, 2024:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 4, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 3, 2024:** Senate Committee on Rules and Administration discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 3, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.
- **Dec 3, 2024:** Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S6789)
- **Sep 24, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
- **Sep 23, 2024:** Mr. Steil moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 23, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5641-5644)
- **Sep 23, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 7764.
- **Sep 23, 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 H5641-5642)
- **Sep 23, 2024:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5641-5642)
- **Sep 23, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 17, 2024:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on House Administration. H. Rept. 118-683.
- **Sep 17, 2024:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 578.
- **Sep 11, 2024:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Sep 11, 2024:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 20, 2024:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 20, 2024:** Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.