

HR 859

Informing Consumers about Smart Devices Act

Congress: 119 (2025–2027, Current)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Commerce

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Calendar No. 64. (Apr 30, 2025)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/859>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Fulcher, Russ [R-ID-1]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

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| Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6] | D · MA | | Jan 31, 2025 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Reported By | Apr 24, 2025 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 119 HR 1768 | Related bill | Mar 3, 2025: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, the Budget, the Judiciary, and Education and Workforce, 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. |

Summary (as of Jan 31, 2025)

Informing Consumers about Smart Devices Act

This bill requires manufacturers of internet-connected devices (e.g., smart appliances) that are equipped with a camera or microphone to disclose to consumers prior to purchase that a camera or microphone is part of the device.

The bill does not apply to mobile phones, laptops, or other devices that a consumer would reasonably expect to include a camera or microphone.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 30, 2025:** Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 64.
- **Apr 29, 2025:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1710-1711)
- **Apr 29, 2025:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 415 - 9 (Roll no. 109). (text: 04/28/2025 CR H1666-1667)
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- **Apr 29, 2025:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 29, 2025:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1710-1711: 1)
- **Apr 28, 2025:** Mr. Bilirakis moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Apr 28, 2025:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1666)
- **Apr 28, 2025:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 859.
- **Apr 28, 2025:** 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.
- **Apr 28, 2025:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1666: 1)
- **Apr 24, 2025:** Reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 119-72.
- **Apr 24, 2025:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 49.
- **Apr 8, 2025:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Apr 8, 2025:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Jan 31, 2025:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 31, 2025:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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