

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 1730, With an Amendment**

**(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)**

115<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 27, 2017

Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee (for himself, Mr. KILMER, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Religiously  
5 Affiliated Institutions Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROTECTION OF COMMUNITY CENTERS WITH RELI-**  
2 **GIOUS AFFILIATION.**

3 Section 247 of title 18, United States Code, is  
4 amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)(2), by inserting after  
6 “threat of force,” the following: “including by threat  
7 of force against religious real property,”;

8 (2) in subsection (d)—

9 (A) in paragraph (3), by striking “and” at  
10 the end;

11 (B) by redesignating paragraph (4) as  
12 paragraph (5); and

13 (C) by inserting after paragraph (3) the  
14 following:

15 “(4) if damage to or destruction of property re-  
16 sults from the acts committed in violation of this  
17 section, which damage to or destruction of such  
18 property is in an amount that exceeds \$5,000, a fine  
19 in accordance with this title and imprisonment for  
20 not more than 3 years, or both; and”;

21 (3) in subsection (f), by inserting before the pe-  
22 riod at the end the following: “, or real property  
23 owned or leased by a nonprofit, religiously affiliated  
24 organization”.