

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 4490, With an Amendment

(The amendments strike all after the enacting clause and insert a new text and a new title)

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4490

To amend the International Organizations Immunities Act to extend diplomatic privileges and immunities to certain additional international and regional organizations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 17, 2025

Mr. CASTRO of Texas (for himself, Mrs. KIM, Mr. OLSZEWSKI, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. CASE, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. FOSTER, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, and Mr. MEEKS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To amend the International Organizations Immunities Act to extend diplomatic privileges and immunities to certain additional international and regional organizations, and for other purposes.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Providing Appropriate
3 Recognition and Treatment Needed to Enhance Relations
4 Act” or the “PARTNER Act”.

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Extension of privileges and immunities to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

Sec. 3. Extension of privileges and immunities to the European Organization For Nuclear Research (CERN).

Sec. 4. Extension of privileges and immunities to the Pacific Islands Forum.

Sec. 5. Extension of privileges and immunities to the Caribbean Community.

Sec. 6. Extension of certain privileges and immunities to the African Union.

5 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES TO**
6 **THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NA-**
7 **TIONS.**

8 The International Organizations Immunities Act (22
9 U.S.C. 288 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the
10 following new section:

11 **“SEC. 18. EXTENSION OF PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES TO**
12 **THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NA-**
13 **TIONS.**

14 “Under such terms and conditions as the President
15 shall determine, the President is authorized to extend the
16 provisions of this title to the Association of Southeast
17 Asian Nations in the same manner, to the same extent,
18 and subject to the same conditions, as it may be extended
19 to a public international organization in which the United
20 States participates pursuant to any treaty or under the
21 authority of any Act of Congress authorizing such partici-

1 pation or making an appropriation for such participa-
2 tion.”.

3 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES TO**
4 **THE EUROPEAN ORGANIZATION FOR NU-**
5 **CLEAR RESEARCH (CERN).**

6 The International Organizations Immunities Act (22
7 U.S.C. 288 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the
8 following new section:

9 **“SEC. 19. EXTENSION OF PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES TO**
10 **THE EUROPEAN ORGANIZATION FOR NU-**
11 **CLEAR RESEARCH (CERN).**

12 “Under such terms and conditions as the President
13 shall determine, the President is authorized to extend the
14 provisions of this title to the European Organization for
15 Nuclear Research (CERN) in the same manner, to the
16 same extent, and subject to the same conditions, as it may
17 be extended to a public international organization in which
18 the United States participates pursuant to any treaty or
19 under the authority of any Act of Congress authorizing
20 such participation or making an appropriation for such
21 participation.”.

1 **SEC. 4. EXTENSION OF PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES TO**
2 **THE PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM.**

3 The International Organizations Immunities Act (22
4 U.S.C. 288 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the
5 following new section:

6 **“SEC. 20. EXTENSION OF PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES TO**
7 **THE PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM.**

8 “Under such terms and conditions as the President
9 shall determine, the President is authorized to extend the
10 provisions of this title to the Pacific Islands Forum in the
11 same manner, to the same extent, and subject to the same
12 conditions, as it may be extended to a public international
13 organization in which the United States participates pur-
14 suant to any treaty or under the authority of any Act of
15 Congress authorizing such participation or making an ap-
16 propriation for such participation.”.

17 **SEC. 5. EXTENSION OF PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES TO**
18 **THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY.**

19 The International Organizations Immunities Act (22
20 U.S.C. 288 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the
21 following new section:

22 **“SEC. 21. EXTENSION OF PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES TO**
23 **THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY.**

24 “Under such terms and conditions as the President
25 shall determine, the President is authorized to extend the
26 provisions of this title to the Caribbean Community in the

1 same manner, to the same extent, and subject to the same
2 conditions, as it may be extended to a public international
3 organization in which the United States participates pur-
4 suant to any treaty or under the authority of any Act of
5 Congress authorizing such participation or making an ap-
6 propriation for such participation.”.

7 **SEC. 6. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNI-**
8 **TIES TO THE AFRICAN UNION.**

9 Section 12(b) of the International Organizations Im-
10 munities Act (22 U.S.C. 288f–2(b)) is amended:

11 (1) by striking “to extend, or enter into an
12 agreement to extend, to the African Union Mission”
13 and inserting “to extend, or enter into an agreement
14 to extend—”;

15 “(1) to the African Union Mission”;

16 (2) by striking the period at the end and insert-
17 ing “; and”; and

18 (3) by adding at the end the following new
19 paragraph:

20 “(2) to the permanent observer mission of the
21 African Union to the United Nations in New York,
22 and to its members, the privileges and immunities
23 enjoyed by the permanent missions to the United
24 Nations of member states, and their members, sub-
25 ject to corresponding conditions and obligations.”.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to amend the International Organizations Immunities Act to extend privileges and immunities to certain additional international and regional organizations, and for other purposes.”.