

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H. R. 8259, With an
Amendment**

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

116TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 8259

To prohibit Russian participation in the G7, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

Mr. MEEKS (for himself, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. KEATING, Mr. COHEN, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. TRONE, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. KINZINGER, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. SUOZZI, and Mr. TED LIEU of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To prohibit Russian participation in the G7, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. PROHIBITION ON RUSSIAN PARTICIPATION IN**
4 **THE G7.**

5 (a) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
6 sion of law, no Federal funds are authorized to be appro-
7 priated to take any action to support or facilitate—

1 (1) the participation of Russia in a Group of
2 Seven proceeding; or

3 (2) the reconstitution of the Group of Eight to
4 include Russia.

5 (b) **TERMINATION.**—Subsection (a) shall cease to
6 have any force or effect after the date on which—

7 (1) the Secretary of State and the Director of
8 National Intelligence, in consultation with the Sec-
9 retary of Homeland Security and the Director of the
10 Federal Bureau of Investigation, certify to the ap-
11 propriate congressional committees and leadership
12 that the Government of Russia, and all persons act-
13 ing as an agent of or otherwise on behalf of such
14 government, has halted all interference in United
15 States elections or elections of the other members of
16 the Group of Seven, members of the North Atlantic
17 Treaty Organization (NATO) and the European
18 Union, and other allies and partners; and

19 (2) the Secretary of State, in consultation with
20 the Director of National Intelligence, determines and
21 certifies to the appropriate congressional committees
22 and leadership that the Government of Russia, and
23 all persons acting as an agent of or otherwise on be-
24 half of such government, has—

1 (A) ended its illegal occupation of Crimea
2 and is fully complying with its commitments
3 under the Minsk agreement with respect to
4 Eastern Ukraine;

5 (B) ended its illegal occupation of South
6 Ossetia and Abkhazia and will support efforts
7 for the reintegration of these regions with the
8 Republic of Georgia; and

9 (C) withdrawn its troops and armaments
10 from Transnistria and fully respects Moldova's
11 sovereignty and territorial integrity.

12 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date
13 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in
14 coordination with the Director of National Intelligence
15 and in consultation with the heads of other relevant Fed-
16 eral departments and agencies, shall submit to the appro-
17 priate congressional committees and leadership a report
18 on the threats and challenges of Russia to NATO and the
19 United States in Afghanistan and to United States efforts
20 to counter such threats and challenges, including—

21 (1) an assessment of support provided by the
22 Government of Russia, and all persons acting as an
23 agent of or otherwise on behalf of such government,
24 for Taliban-linked militants, including—

1 (A) the provision of defense articles, de-
2 fense services, or technology (as such terms are
3 defined and described in the Arms Export Con-
4 trol Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.)) or financial
5 assistance for purposes that undermine or run
6 counter to the principles agreed upon in the
7 Agreement for Bringing Peace to Afghanistan
8 entered into on February 29, 2020;

9 (B) financial transactions, including trans-
10 actions made through the hawala system, be-
11 tween the individuals and entities of the Gov-
12 ernment of Russia, or individuals or entities
13 acting in connection with that government, to
14 Taliban-linked militants, other militants with
15 connections to Afghanistan, and their inter-
16 mediaries; and

17 (C) any alleged program to incentivize the
18 killing of United States or NATO coalition sol-
19 diers by the Government of Russia or any other
20 foreign government;

21 (2) a description of United States Government
22 efforts to engage in diplomatic efforts with Russia
23 and the governments of NATO coalition allies and
24 partners to counter Russian malign influence in Af-
25 ghanistan; and

1 (3) a description of the views of the govern-
2 ments of other NATO members, including heads of
3 government, political leaders, and military com-
4 manders in the region on Russian interference and
5 malign influence in Afghanistan.

6 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
7 AND LEADERSHIP.—In this section, the term “appropriate
8 congressional committees and leadership” means—

9 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Per-
10 manent Select Committee on Intelligence, the Com-
11 mittee on Homeland Security, and the Speaker, the
12 majority leader, and the minority leader of the
13 House of Representatives; and

14 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the
15 Select Committee on Intelligence, the Committee on
16 Homeland Security, and the majority leader and the
17 minority leader of the Senate.