

116th Congress

1st Session

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H.R. 4617 - SHIELD Act

1. Structured rule.
 2. Provides one hour of general debate on the bill equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration.
 3. Waives all points of order against consideration of the bill.
 4. Makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116-35, as modified by the amendment printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report, and provides that it shall be considered as read.
 5. Waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute.
 6. Makes in order only those amendments printed in Part B of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question.
 7. Waives all points of order against the amendments printed in Part B of the report.
 8. Provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.
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RESOLUTION

Resolved, That at any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4617) to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify the obligation to report acts of foreign election influence and require implementation of compliance and reporting systems by Federal campaigns to detect and report such acts, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. In lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on House Administration now printed in the bill, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116-35 modified by the amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. That amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. All points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute are waived. No amendment to that amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order as original text. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4617 IN PART A PROPOSED TO BE
CONSIDERED AS ADOPTED**

Sponsor	# Description
1. Lofgren (CA)	#19 (REVISED) (MANAGER’S) Amends the exception to the “reportable foreign contact” for those contacts made for purposes of enabling elections by international observers. Provides that the exception does not apply if the contact involves illicit campaign spending in contravention of the Federal Election Campaign Act. Provides that improper interference in a United States election is grounds for inadmissibility and deportability.

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 4617 IN PART B PROPOSED TO BE
MADE IN ORDER**

(summaries derived from information provided by sponsors)

Sponsor	# Description	Debate Time
1. DeSaulnier (CA)	#35 (LATE) Requires the FEC to notify states within 30 days of making a determination that a foreign national has initiated or attempted to initiate a disinformation campaign targeted at an election in a state.	(10 minutes)
2. Lesko (AZ)	#29 (LATE) Strikes Section 313.	(10 minutes)
3. Lynch (MA)	#8 (REVISED) Generally prohibits the use of deepfakes within 60 days of a federal election and establishes corresponding criminal and civil penalties.	(10 minutes)
4. Levin, Andy (MI), McCaul (TX), Rouda (CA), Speier (CA), Slotkin (MI)	#21 Prohibits foreign nationals from influencing American elections by setting up shell companies.	(10 minutes)
5. Langevin (RI), Slotkin (MI)	#9 (REVISED) Directs the Federal Elections Commission to commission an independent study and report on media literacy with respect to online political content consumption among voting-age Americans.	(10 minutes)
6. Swalwell	#2 Includes a candidate’s immediate family members	(10 minutes)

(CA)	among those whose direct or indirect contacts or communications with a covered foreign national may amount to a reportable foreign contact with the term immediate family member meaning a candidate’s parent, parent-in-law, spouse, adult child, or sibling.	
7. Brown (MD)	#12 Requires the FBI to confirm receipt when a political committee issues a notification that they have been contacted by a reportable foreign contact. Additionally, requires the FBI to submit a report to Congress on how they are managing and responding to notifications from political committees.	(10 minutes)
8. Delgado (NY)	#1 Require the Federal Election Commission to do an analysis of the extent to which illicit foreign money was used to carry out disinformation and propaganda campaigns focused on depressing turnout among rural communities and the success or failure of these efforts, together with recommendations to address these efforts in future elections.	(10 minutes)
9. Houlihan (PA)	#10 Codifies the FEC definition of “substantial assistance” for an illegal foreign transaction and defines what it means to “knowingly” abet a foreign entity, consistent with FEC regulations.	(10 minutes)
10. Slotkin (MI)	#13 (REVISED) Directs GAO to conduct an assessment of current exemptions of FARA registration requirements and what adjustments should be made to prevent foreign funding from influencing U.S. elections and political processes.	(10 minutes)
11. Sherrill (NJ)	#18 Expands from 60 days before an election to 90 days the provisions on knowingly prohibiting deceptive practices in federal elections, including knowingly providing false information about the time or place of voting, qualifications for voting, or public endorsements.	(10 minutes)
12. Cunningham (SC)	#24 (LATE) Requires the Federal Election Commission to include in its report to Congress an analysis of disinformation campaigns focused on depressing turnout among African-American and other minority communities.	(10 minutes)
13. Cunningham (SC)	#25 (LATE) Requires the Federal Election Commission to include in its report to Congress an analysis of disinformation campaigns focused on influencing military servicemembers and veterans along with recommendations to address these efforts.	(10 minutes)
14. Spanberger (VA)	#30 (LATE) Requires that online platform records of purchase requests for qualified political advertisements include a statement that a person is acting as the agent of	(10 minutes)

a foreign principal and the identification of the foreign principal involved, when applicable. Qualified political advertisements include ads related to national legislative issues of public importance.