




Advancing Global Health, Defending Human Rights, and Reforming International Organizations in the 118th Congress

The House Foreign Affairs Committee (HFAC) passed vital legislation to protect U.S. sovereignty and taxpayer dollars at the United Nations, defend religious freedom from authoritarian regimes, combat trafficking of innocent victims, and to sustain the health of millions of vulnerable persons. HFAC fought for U.S. sovereignty in WHO Pandemic Treaty negotiations and exposed an antisemitic, Hamas-infiltrated UNRWA. The Committee also held hearings to expose Chinese malign influence at the UN, reunify abducted American children with their families, and fight religious and political persecution by the CCP, Ortega regime in Nicaragua, and Fulani terrorists in Nigeria.


LEGISLATION ENACTED INTO LAW:

President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)

 Extends PEPFAR through March 25, 2025 with key authorities to ensure oversight on treatment outcomes and cost-effectiveness; interagency coordination; donor burden sharing; care for orphans and vulnerable children affected by HIV/AIDS; and prioritization of funding for people living with HIV/AIDS (enacted as part of FY 2024 appropriations).

HOUSE-PASSED LEGISLATION:

H.R. 1425, the No WHO Pandemic Preparedness Treaty Without Senate Approval Act (Rep. Tiffany)


 Requires the Senate's advice and consent for any pandemic-related agreement reached by the World Health Assembly's negotiating body.

H.R. 5856, The Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2023 (Rep. Chris Smith)

 Strengthens and reauthorizes the Trafficking Victims Protection Act to comprehensively combat trafficking in persons.



H.R. 1154, the Stop Forced Organ Harvesting Act of 2023 (Rep. Chris Smith)

-  Imposes visa and property-blocking sanctions and revokes passports of any entity involved in forced organ harvesting or trafficking in persons for organ harvesting.


H.R. 4132, the Falun Gong Protection Act (Rep. Perry)

-  Imposes visa and property-blocking sanctions on persons involved in forced organ harvesting within the People's Republic of China.

H.R. 7089, Global Anti-Human Trafficking Enhancement Act (Rep. James)


-  Authorizes the State Department's Diplomatic Security Services personnel to investigate allegations of transnational human trafficking.

H.R. 3016, the IGO Anti-Boycott Act (Rep. Lawler)


-  This bill expands an existing anti-boycott law to include certain boycotts imposed by international governmental organizations (IGOs). This helps combat anti-Israel Boycott, Divest, and Sanction (BDS) efforts at IGOs.

COMMITTEE-PASSED LEGISLATION:


H.R. 7122, the Stop Support for UNRWA Act of 2024 (Rep. Chris Smith)

-  Prohibits any direct or indirect U.S. contribution to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) due to its antisemitic and terrorist-related activities.


H.R. 8345, the No Official Palestine Entry Act of 2024 (Rep. Baird)

-  Limits funds to the UN or other organizations that provide any status, rights, or privileges beyond observer status to the Palestine Liberation Organization.

H.R. 7025, the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom Reauthorization (USCIRF) Act of 2024 (Rep. Chris Smith)

-  Reauthorizes the bipartisan USCIRF through 2026 to continue its independent reporting, research, and religious freedom designations.

H.R. 681, READ Act Reauthorization Act of 2023 (Rep. Chris Smith)


-  Requires the implementation of a strategy to promote the quality and access of basic education for all children and improve learning outcomes.



H.Res. 82, Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the need to designate Nigeria a Country of Particular Concern for engaging in and tolerating systemic, ongoing, and egregious violations of religious freedom (Rep. Chris Smith)

 Calls on the U.S. Department of State to designate Nigeria as a Country of Particular Concern in its annual International Religious Freedom Report.

H.Res. 1323, Rejecting the United Nations decision to place the Israel Defense Force on a list of child's rights abusers (Rep. Burchett)

 Rejects the UN Secretary General's decision to include IDF on a list of parties that have not put in place adequate protections for children; condemns UN bias against Israel; and calls on Hamas to free all remaining hostages.