

H.R. 4645 (Travel Restriction Reform and Export Enhancement Act) Passes House Agriculture Committee

On June 30, 2010, the Agriculture Committee of the House of Representatives voted 25-20 to favorably recommend H.R. 4645 to the House floor. The bill, formally titled the Travel Restriction Reform and Export Enhancement Act, would ease rules governing the sale of agricultural commodities to Cuba and allow Americans to travel freely to the island. During the hearing, Chairman Collin Peterson repeatedly struck down amendments proposed by Republican committee members that would prevent the lifting of the travel ban or make the bill conditional on concessions from the Castro government, arguing that the Agriculture Committee does not have jurisdiction over the travel portions of the bill.

YES VOTES

Collin Peterson (D-MN), Committee chair
Tim Holden (D-PA), Committee vice chair
Jerry Moran (R-KS)
Leonard Boswell (D-IA)
Timothy Johnson (R-IL)
Dennis Cardoza (D-CA)
David Scott (D-GA)
Stephanie Herseth Sandlin (D-SD)
Henry Cuellar (D-TX)
Jim Costa (D-CA)
Brad Ellsworth (D-IN)
Timothy Walz (D-MN)
Steve Kagen (D-WI)
Bill Cassidy (R-LA)
Deborah Halvorson (D-IL)
Cynthia Lummis (R-WY)
Bobby Bright (D-AL)
Betsy Markey (D-CO)
Frank Kratovil (D-MD)
John Boccieri (D-OH)
Scott Murphy (D-NY)
Bill Owens (D-NY)
Earl Pomeroy (D-ND)
Travis Childers (D-MS)
Walt Minnick (D-ID)

NO VOTES

Frank Lucas (R-OK), Ranking member
Bob Goodlatte (R-VA)
Mike McIntyre (D-NC)
Joe Baca (D-CA)
Sam Graves (R-MO)
Mike Rogers (R-AL)
Sam King (R-IA)
Jim Marshall (D-GA)
Randy Neugebauer (R-TX)
K. Michael Conaway (R-TX)
Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE)
Jean Schmidt (R-OH)
Adrian Smith (R-NE)
David Roe (R-TN)
Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO)
Kurt Schrader (D-OR)
Glenn Thompson (R-PA)
Kathleen Dahlkemper (D-PA)
Thomas Rooney (R-FL)
Mark Schauer (D-MI)