

## Union Calendar No. 20

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1376

[Report No. 118–32, Part I]

To require the Director of National Intelligence to declassify information relating to the origin of COVID–19, and for other purposes.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 3, 2023

Mr. TURNER (for himself, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mr. STEWART, Mr. CRAWFORD, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. HILL, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. WALTZ, and Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

MARCH 30, 2023

Reported from the Committee on Intelligence

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Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “COVID–19 Origin Act  
5 of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7       It is the sense of Congress that—

8           (1) identifying the origin of Coronavirus Dis-  
9 ease 2019 (COVID–19) is critical for preventing a  
10 similar pandemic from occurring in the future;

11          (2) there is reason to believe the COVID–19  
12 pandemic may have originated at the Wuhan Insti-  
13 tute of Virology; and

14          (3) the Director of National Intelligence should  
15 declassify and make available to the public as much  
16 information as possible about the origin of COVID–  
17 19 so the United States and like-minded countries  
18 can—

19           (A) identify the origin of COVID–19 as ex-  
20 peditiously as possible; and

21           (B) use that information to take all appro-  
22 priate measures to prevent a similar pandemic  
23 from occurring again.

1 **SEC. 3. DECLASSIFICATION OF INFORMATION RELATED TO**  
2 **THE ORIGIN OF COVID-19.**

3 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-  
4 ment of this Act, the Director of National Intelligence  
5 shall—

6 (1) declassify any and all information relating  
7 to potential links between the Wuhan Institute of Vi-  
8 rology and the origin of the Coronavirus Disease  
9 2019 (COVID-19), including—

10 (A) activities performed by the Wuhan In-  
11 stitute of Virology with or on behalf of the Peo-  
12 ple's Liberation Army;

13 (B) coronavirus research or other related  
14 activities performed at the Wuhan Institute of  
15 Virology prior to the outbreak of COVID-19;  
16 and

17 (C) researchers at the Wuhan Institute of  
18 Virology who fell ill in autumn 2019, including  
19 for any such researcher—

20 (i) the researcher's name;

21 (ii) the researcher's symptoms;

22 (iii) the date of the onset of the re-  
23 searcher's symptoms;

24 (iv) the researcher's role at the  
25 Wuhan Institute of Virology;

1 (v) whether the researcher was in-  
2 volved with or exposed to coronavirus re-  
3 search at the Wuhan Institute of Virology;

4 (vi) whether the researcher visited a  
5 hospital while they were ill; and

6 (vii) a description of any other actions  
7 taken by the researcher that may suggest  
8 they were experiencing a serious illness at  
9 the time; and

10 (2) submit to Congress an unclassified report  
11 that contains—

12 (A) all of the information described under  
13 paragraph (1); and

14 (B) only such redactions as the Director  
15 determines necessary to protect sources and  
16 methods.

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