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H.R. 3446

Peace on the Korean Peninsula Act

Status: Introduced by Rep. Brad Sherman, Rep. Ro Khanna, Rep. Andy Kim, and Rep. Grace Meng

What the bill does:

- Calls for serious, urgent diplomacy in pursuit of a binding peace agreement to formally end the Korean War.
- Requires a report from the Secretary of State describing a clear roadmap for achieving a permanent peace agreement on the Korean Peninsula.
- Expresses the sense of Congress that the Secretary of State should seek to enter negotiations with North Korea to establish liaison offices in each country’s capital.
- Requires the Secretary of State to conduct a full review of the travel restrictions to North Korea and submit a report to Congress outlining qualifying criteria for exemptions to the restrictions - specifically for those wishing to return to North Korea for family-related events.

“Many do not realize that there are approximately 100,000 Americans with relatives living in North Korea. A comprehensive review of our restrictions on travel to North Korea is necessary so that Korean Americans can attend major family events, such as funerals, burials, or other religious and family commemorations in North Korea.”

— Rep. Brad Sherman

“The continued state of war on the Korean Peninsula does not serve the interests of the United States nor our constituents with relations in North and South Korea.”

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Why the timing is critical:

- The ongoing state of war represents a constant risk and threat to the national security of the United States and its allies.
- Military escalation in Korea could also lead to military conflict between the U.S. and China.
- A peace agreement provides the security assurance that North Korea is seeking and is necessary for denuclearizing the Korean Peninsula
- The U.S. does not have formal relations with North Korea because of the ongoing Korean war, preventing thousands of Korean Americans with relatives in North Korea from seeing their families - in many cases, for decades.
- Time is running out for many aging Korean Americans hoping to reunite with loved ones in North Korea; however, U.S. travel restrictions remain a major obstacle for these families.



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