

H.R. 1369

Peace on the Korean Peninsula Act

Status: Introduced by Rep. Brad Sherman, 19 other original cosponsors

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.

“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. Serious, urgent diplomatic engagement is needed to achieve peace between North and South Korea.”

— Rep. Brad Sherman

Why the timing is critical:

- The Korean War never ended but was merely suspended by an armistice agreement. The unresolved state of the war is the root cause of tensions and hostilities between the United States and North Korea.
- A peace agreement that officially ends the Korean War is the most realistic and effective method for resolving the security crisis on the Korean Peninsula.
- Negotiating a peace agreement would reduce tensions and build confidence, providing the foundation upon which to more effectively engage on issues such as denuclearization and improved human rights.
- With escalating tensions on the Korean Peninsula, it is clear that a transformative, peace-first approach is needed.
- 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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