

Hudson Opposes Anti-Gun Bills, Forces a Vote on the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act

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U.S. Representative Richard Hudson (NC-08), author of H.R. 38, the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act, went to the House floor to force a vote on his legislation as an amendment to H.R. 1446. The House began to consider H.R. 1446 today, a bill that extends the wait time for a firearm sale from 3 to 10 days and could allow the government to delay a sale indefinitely. The House also began consideration of H.R. 8, a bill that will turn law-abiding citizens into criminals if they store a gun for a friend or loan a gun to a neighbor wanting it for self-protection. Both bills will receive a vote on final passage tomorrow. “Republicans are serious about ending gun violence and have brought forward policies that protect public safety without eroding our Second Amendment rights,” said Rep. Hudson. “However, the left is determined to just take away your rights after voting to defund the police just last week. It’s no wonder gun sales and concealed carry permits are at all-time highs. These law-abiding Americans deserve to have their rights protected. That’s why today, I am calling on my colleagues across the aisle to stand up for law-abiding citizens and adopt H.R. 38, the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act. We need H.R. 38 more than ever, and if my colleagues are determined to pass gun legislation, then let’s help people protect themselves.”

In his remarks, Rep. Hudson discussed his opposition to H.R. 8 and H.R. 1446. H.R. 8 would impose unnecessary and redundant background checks that already occur on all commercial gun sales. This could turn law-abiding citizens into criminals for storing a gun for a friend struggling with mental health, transferring a gun to someone else during a break-in, or loaning a handgun to a neighbor with an abusive ex who wanted to borrow it for self-protection. Its limited and unclear exemptions also threaten the ability to loan a gun to a friend or stepchild to hunt or go to a shooting range.

H.R. 1446 would extend the default transfer window for a retail firearm sale from 3 to 10 business days and could allow the FBI to delay a transfer indefinitely. It also fails to address the problem of its so-called “Charleston Loophole” which was a lack of information sharing, not a need for an extended background check period.

Rep. Hudson's Motion to Recommit offered today will add H.R. 38 to H.R. 1446 prior to final passage tomorrow. Rep. Hudson introduced H.R. 38 on the first day of this Congress to ensure citizens carrying a legally-owned firearm do not become criminals when crossing an invisible state line.

Earlier this week, Rep. Hudson also introduced the STOP II: Classrooms Over Conference Rooms Act, to double funding for the STOP School Violence Act signed into law in 2018 to harden schools, get more mental health resources in schools and increase active-duty training

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for law enforcement. Funding for this bill is taken from money set aside for the U.S. Department of Education to rent conference rooms in Washington, D.C. Rep. Hudson introduced the bill as one of several targeted alternatives to H.R. 8 and H.R. 1446 that address school safety and root causes of gun violence.