



Doomsday Clock: ~~89~~ 85 seconds to midnight

The world is quickly approaching midnight on the Doomsday clock which the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists annually updates. 85 seconds is the closest to midnight and catastrophe it has ever been. In their annual statement, they wrote “Our fervent hope is that leaders will recognize the world’s existential predicament and take bold action to reduce the threats posed by nuclear weapons, climate change, and the potential misuse of biological science and a variety of emerging technologies “ They went on “In regard to nuclear risk, the war in Ukraine, now in its third [now in its fourth year], looms over the world; the conflict could become nuclear at any moment because of a rash decision or through accident or miscalculation. Conflict in the Middle East threatens to spiral out of control into a wider war without warning. The countries that possess nuclear weapons are increasing the size and role of their arsenals, investing hundreds of billions of dollars in weapons that can destroy civilization. The nuclear arms control process is collapsing, and high-level contacts

among nuclear powers are totally inadequate given the danger at hand. Alarming, it is no longer unusual for countries without nuclear weapons to consider developing arsenals of their own—actions that would undermine longstanding nonproliferation efforts and increase the ways in which nuclear war could start “

There is legislation regarding nuclear weapons in the US Congress which would add time before the advent of Doomsday. Each of these bills should be supported by us and our members of Congress. Contact your Representative and US Senators; either ask that they co-sponsor these bills or, if they already have, thank them for doing so. Find their contact info here: <https://tinyurl.com/leg-reps>

More information on the Doomsday clock is available on the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists website here: <https://thebulletin.org/>

US Legislation regarding nuclear weapons:

(Learn who your US Representative and Senators are: <https://tinyurl.com/leg-reps>)

HR1888 - Nuclear Weapons Abolition and Conversion Act of 2025

Introduced by Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton, now has 10 co-sponsors. Has not been introduced into the Senate yet. No OR Representative is a co-sponsor yet.

“To direct the United States to sign the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and convert nuclear weapons industry resources and personnel to purposes relating to addressing the climate crisis, and for other purposes.”

S. 192: Restricting First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act of 2025. Identical bill in House: HR669

There are currently 7 co-sponsors - 6 Dems/1 Ind. including Sen Merkley and Wyden.. **In the House**, it has 34 co-sponsors. OR Representatives Dexter, Hoyle are now co-sponsors.

H.R . 317: Urging the United States to lead the world back from the brink of nuclear war and halt and reverse the nuclear arms race.

Introduced by Rep. James McGovern (D-MA). It currently has 56 co-sponsors including OR Representatives Bonamici, Dexter, Hoyle, and Salinas. An identical bill has been introduced into the Senate as SR323 with 8 co-sponsors including Sen. Merkley and Sen. Wyden.

To read the text and get other info on each of these bills, go to www.govtrack.us. Click on Congress, then on Bills in Congress and enter the bill number and/or bill name.

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