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S 1580

Religious Workers Act of 2003 Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Immigration Introduced: Sep 3, 2003

Current Status: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 303.

Latest Action: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 303. (Oct 2, 2003)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]

Party: Republican • State: UT • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. DeWine, Mike [R-OH]	$R \cdot OH$		Sep 3, 2003
Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		Sep 3, 2003
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Sep 17, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 2, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Religious Workers Act of 2003 - Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend the religious worker program to cover persons entering the United States before October 1, 2008 (currently October 1, 2003).

Amends the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1993, with respect to the immigrant investor regional center pilot program, to: (1) extend such program for five years; (2) replace existing references to the Attorney General with the Secretary of Homeland Security; and (3) authorize employment creation immigrant visa priority to be given to aliens seeking entry under such program.

Directs the General Accounting Office to conduct a study of such program, which shall include information concerning: (1) number, locality of settlement, and country of origin of immigrant investors, and the number of such individuals who have sought U.S. citizenship; and (2) types of commercial enterprises and types and numbers of created jobs.

Actions Timeline

- Oct 2, 2003: Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- Oct 2, 2003: Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Hatch with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
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- Sep 3, 2003: Introduced in Senate
- Sep 3, 2003: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S11034)
- Sep 3, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S11034)