

HR 4060

Health, Safety, and Security of Peace Corps Volunteers Act of 2004

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: International Affairs

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Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (Jun 2, 2004)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Hyde, Henry J. [R-IL-6]

Party: Republican • State: IL • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Lantos, Tom [D-CA-12]	D · CA		Mar 30, 2004
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Mar 30, 2004
Rep. Smith, Nick [R-MI-7]	R · MI		Mar 30, 2004
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Apr 28, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Reported By	May 6, 2004
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 2, 2004
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 8, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 S 2454	Related bill	May 20, 2004: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5953-5954)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

Health, Safety, and Security of Peace Corps Volunteers Act of 2004 - (Sec. 2) Amends the Peace Corps Act to establish in the Peace Corps the Office of the Ombudsman of the Peace Corps, which shall administer complaints or concerns regarding services or support provided by the Peace Corps to its current or former volunteers, including matters respecting: (1) safety and security; (2) due process, including processes relating to separation from the Peace Corps; (3) benefits and assistance; (4) medical or other health-related assistance; and (5) access to files and records.

States that the Ombudsman shall: (1) administer current and former employee complaints; (2) be prohibited from involvement in matters subject to ongoing adjudication, litigation, or investigation; and (3) report semiannually to the Director of the Peace Corps, the Chair of the Peace Corps National Advisory Council, and Congress regarding such duties.

(Sec. 3) Establishes the Office of Safety and Security of the Peace Corps, which shall be headed by the Associate Director of Safety and Security of the Peace Corps. States that the Office shall be responsible for safety and security activities of the Peace Corps, including background checks, volunteer, staff, and facilities safety, and information technology security.

Expresses the sense of Congress that: (1) the Associate Director of Safety and Security of the Peace Corps should assign a Peace Corps country security coordinator for each country where the Peace Corps has a volunteer program; and (2) each country security coordinator should be under the supervision of the appropriate Peace Corps country director, should report directly to the Associate Director of Safety and Security of the Peace Corps, and should be a United States citizen who has access to information, including classified information, relating to possible threats against Peace Corps volunteers.

(Sec. 4) Requires specified reports respecting Peace Corps: (1) medical services; (2) volunteer assignment; and (2) employment duration.

(Sec. 6) Amends the Inspector General Act of 1978 to provide for the appointment of an Office of Inspector General for the Peace Corps.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 2, 2004:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Jun 1, 2004:** Mr. Smith (NJ) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jun 1, 2004:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3557-3561)
- **Jun 1, 2004:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4060.
- **Jun 1, 2004:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H3557-3559)
- **Jun 1, 2004:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H3557-3559)
- **Jun 1, 2004:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 6, 2004:** Reported by the Committee on International Relations. H. Rept. 108-481, Part I.
- **May 6, 2004:** Reported by the Committee on International Relations. H. Rept. 108-481, Part I.
- **May 6, 2004:** House Committee on Government Reform Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than May 6, 2004.
- **May 6, 2004:** Committee on Government Reform discharged.
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- **May 6, 2004:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 273.
- **Apr 8, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management.
- **Mar 31, 2004:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 31, 2004:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 30, 2004:** Introduced in House
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