HR 5865

Returned Americans Protection Act of 2006

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)
Chamber: House
Policy Area: Social Welfare
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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 24, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Social Welfare

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 5869	Related bill	**Jul 24, 2006:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Summary (as of Jul 27, 2006)

(**This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on July 26, 2006. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Amends title XI of the Social Security Act (SSA) with respect to the authority of the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide temporary assistance to U.S. citizens and their dependents if they: (1) are identified by the Department of State as having returned, or been brought, from a foreign country to the United States because of the citizen's destitution or the citizen's or a dependent's illness, or because of war, threat of war, invasion, or similar crisis; and (2) are without available resources.

Increases from $1 million to $6 million the maximum total amount of such temporary assistance provided during FY2006.

Amends SSA title IV part D (Child Support and Establishment of Paternity) to provide that if a state agency responsible for administration of the food stamp program under the Food Stamp Act of 1977 transmits to the Secretary of Health and Human Services the names and Social Security account numbers of individuals, the Secretary shall disclose to the state agency information on them and their employers maintained in the National Directory of New Hires.

Requires the Secretary to make such a disclosure only to the extent that it would not interfere with the effective operation of the child support and establishment of paternity program.

Prohibits a state agency from disclosing information provided under this Act except for purposes for administering a food stamp program. Prescribes data security and control policies and establishes a penalty for misuse of information.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 27, 2006:** Presented to President.
- **Jul 27, 2006:** Signed by President.
- **Jul 27, 2006:** Became Public Law No: 109-250.
- **Jul 26, 2006:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S8216-8217)
- **Jul 26, 2006:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 26, 2006:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 26, 2006:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 26, 2006:** Mr. Herger asked unanimous consent that the House agree to the Senate amendment. (consideration: CR H5902)
- **Jul 26, 2006:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection.(text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR H5902)
- **Jul 26, 2006:** On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection. (text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR H5902)
- **Jul 26, 2006:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 25, 2006:** Mr. Herger moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jul 25, 2006:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5694-5696)
- **Jul 25, 2006:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5865.
- **Jul 25, 2006:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5694)
- **Jul 25, 2006:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5694)
- **Jul 25, 2006:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 25, 2006:** Received in the Senate.
- **Jul 24, 2006:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 24, 2006:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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