

## HR 1312

Arts Require Timely Service (ARTS) Act

**Congress:** 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

**Introduced:** Mar 5, 2007

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Apr 2, 2008)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/house-bill/1312>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Berman, Howard L. [D-CA-28]

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

### Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7]	R · TN		Mar 5, 2007
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		Mar 5, 2007
Rep. Coble, Howard [R-NC-6]	R · NC		Mar 5, 2007
Rep. Lungren, Daniel E. [R-CA-3]	R · CA		Mar 5, 2007
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Mar 5, 2007
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Mar 5, 2007
Rep. Weiner, Anthony D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Mar 5, 2007
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Apr 23, 2007
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Sep 25, 2007
Rep. Hodes, Paul W. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Oct 4, 2007
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Feb 7, 2008
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-39]	D · CA		Feb 7, 2008

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported by	Sep 25, 2007
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 2, 2008

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Immigration

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Arts Require Timely Service (ARTS) Act - Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to adjudicate a visa petition filed by an employer on behalf of an alien with extraordinary ability in the arts (O- and P- visas other than athletes) and an accompanying alien not later than 30 days after: (1) the date on which the petitioner submits the petition with a written advisory opinion, letter of no objection, or request for a waiver; or (2) the date on which the 15-day period to comment upon a petition has expired if the petitioner has had an opportunity, as appropriate, to supply rebuttal evidence.

States that if such petition is not adjudicated within the required time frame and the petitioner is a qualified nonprofit organization or an individual or entity petitioning on behalf of a qualified nonprofit organization the petitioner shall be provided premium-processing services without a fee.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Apr 2, 2008:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Apr 1, 2008:** Mr. Conyers moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Apr 1, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1857-1860)
- **Apr 1, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1312.
- **Apr 1, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H1857)
- **Apr 1, 2008:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H1857)
- **Apr 1, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 6, 2008:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 110-540.
- **Mar 6, 2008:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 330.
- **Nov 7, 2007:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 7, 2007:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Oct 24, 2007:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 25, 2007:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 25, 2007:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by the Yeas and Nays: 7 - 5 .
- **Mar 30, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law.
- **Mar 5, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 5, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.