

## HR 1465

To provide additional discretion to the Secretary of Homeland Security in designating countries eligible to participate in the visa waiver program under section 217 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, and for other purposes.

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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### Related Bills

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Authorizes the Secretary of Homeland Security to waive visa waiver program requirements for a country seeking program designation if: (1) the country has a viable plan to meet such requirements within three years; (2) the country has made significant progress in reducing its nonimmigrant visa refusal rate in the previous two years; (3) such waiver would not compromise U.S. security or welfare; and (4) the country has fully cooperated in counterterrorism and information sharing initiatives.

Directs the Secretary to report to Congress respecting plans for enhancing secure travel standards for program countries, including the feasibility of an electronic authorization travel system, additional passenger information exchanges, and enhanced airport security standards.

### **Actions Timeline**

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