

S 2840

Military Personnel Citizenship Processing Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Immigration

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]

Party: Democratic • State: NY • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Hagel, Chuck [R-NE]	R · NE		Apr 10, 2008
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 15, 2008
Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		Apr 21, 2008
Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]	R · PA		Apr 23, 2008
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		May 6, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Aug 1, 2008
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 25, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 7057	Identical bill	Sep 24, 2008: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the Senate on August 1, 2008. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Military Personnel Citizenship Processing Act - Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish an Office of the FBI Liaison in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) which shall monitor and assist with Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) functions related to expeditiously processing naturalization applications filed by or on behalf of: (1) members and former members of the Armed Forces; (2) current spouses of active Armed Forces members and surviving spouses and children of U.S. citizens who died while on active duty; or (3) deceased individuals eligible for posthumous citizenship.

Authorizes appropriations.

Amends the the Immigration and Nationality Act to require that United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) within six months of receipt of a naturalization application filed by a member of the Armed Forces, or the spouse, surviving spouse, or child of such member: (1) process and adjudicate the application, including background checks; or (2) provide the applicant with an explanation for the inability to meet such deadline and an estimate of the adjudication date.

Requires that: (1) the Director of USCIS report annually to the appropriate congressional subcommittees identifying all such naturalization applications that have not been processed and adjudicated within one year because of background check delays; and (2) the Comptroller General report to Congress regarding the average length of time taken by USCIS to process and adjudicate naturalization applications filed by members of the Armed Forces, deceased members of the Armed Forces, and their spouses and children.

Repeals the provisions of this Act five years after the date of enactment of this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 9, 2008:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 9, 2008:** Became Public Law No: 110-382.
- **Sep 30, 2008:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 28, 2008:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H10309)
- **Sep 28, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by recorded vote (2/3 required): 416 - 0 (Roll no. 668).(text: CR 9/27/2008 H10257)
- **Sep 28, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 28, 2008:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by recorded vote (2/3 required): 416 - 0 (Roll no. 668). (text: CR 9/27/2008 H10257)
- **Sep 28, 2008:** Cleared for White House.
- **Sep 27, 2008:** Mr. Conyers moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Sep 27, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H10257-10258)
- **Sep 27, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 2840.
- **Sep 27, 2008:** At the conclusion of debate, the chair put the question on the motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Smith (TX) objected to the vote on the grounds that a quorum was not present. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. The point of no quorum was withdrawn.
- **Sep 25, 2008:** Received in the House.
- **Sep 25, 2008:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 25, 2008:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Sep 24, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S9433-9434; text as passed Senate: CR S9433-9434)
- **Sep 24, 2008:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S9433-9434; text as passed Senate: CR S9433-9434)
- **Aug 1, 2008:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Leahy with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 110-440.
- **Aug 1, 2008:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 936.
- **Aug 1, 2008:** An errata sheet on written report No. 110-440 was printed.
- **May 8, 2008:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Apr 10, 2008:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 10, 2008:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.