

HR 5570

Religious Worker Visa Extension Act of 2008

Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

Introduced: Mar 10, 2008

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Aug 1, 2008)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: CA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported by	Mar 12, 2008
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Aug 1, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 3606	Related bill	Oct 10, 2008: Became Public Law No: 110-391.

Religious Worker Visa Extension Act of 2008 - Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to issue final regulations to eliminate or reduce fraud in the special immigrant non-minister religious worker program by December 31, 2008.

Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to: (1) extend the special immigrant program for non-minister religious workers until January 1, 2010; and (2) extend the program until January 1, 2016, (to be effective March 1, 2009) if the Secretary issues such final regulations by December 31, 2008.

Directs the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security to report to Congress on such regulations' effectiveness by September 30, 2010. Requires that such report shall include an analysis of a random sample of non-minister special immigrant religious workers, before their second anniversary of being admitted, to determine whether they are still employed by the religious organization that petitioned for them, and if not, the reasons for their departure from such employment.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Aug 1, 2008:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Apr 16, 2008:** Received in the Senate.
- **Apr 15, 2008:** Mr. Conyers moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Apr 15, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2284-2289)
- **Apr 15, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5570.
- **Apr 15, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(consideration: CR H2284-2285)
- **Apr 15, 2008:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (consideration: CR H2284-2285)
- **Apr 15, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 15, 2008:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 14, 2008:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 110-589.
- **Apr 14, 2008:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 364.
- **Apr 2, 2008:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 2, 2008:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 12, 2008:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 12, 2008:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by the Yeas and Nays: 8 - 1 .
- **Mar 11, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law.
- **Mar 10, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 10, 2008:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.