

HR 561

Secure Travel and Counterterrorism Partnership Act

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Policy Area: Immigration

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Bills of Interest - Exchange of Letters	Dec 5, 2007
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 2, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 342	Identical bill	Jan 22, 2007: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S829-830)

Secure Travel and Counterterrorism Partnership Act - Expresses the sense of Congress that the United States should expand the visa waiver program to nationals of foreign countries that are allies in the war on terrorism.

Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a pilot program to expand the visa waiver program for up to five new countries that are are cooperating with the United States on security and counterterrorism matters.

Requires a country, prior to participation, to conclude a counterterrorism and security information sharing agreement with the United States.

Authorizes: (1) a country to participate for an initial three-year period, with an additional two-year extension; and (2) the Secretary to terminate a country's participation for program noncompliance.

Directs the Secretary to develop and implement procedures to improve the manner of calculating visa overstay rates.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 2, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law.
- **Jan 18, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 18, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.