

HR 6456

To provide for extensions of certain authorities of the Department of State, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: International Affairs

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 10, 2008
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Sep 8, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on July 30, 2008. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

(Sec. 1) Amends the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to extend for one year the Secretary of State's authority to waive Foreign Service annuitant salary and full-time employment pension restrictions respecting assignment to: (1) consular posts with a substantial visa application backlog; and (2) Iraq and Afghanistan.

(Sec. 2) Amends the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to permit rest and recuperation travel for Foreign Service members and family members to U.S. territories, including American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Specifies that required leave based upon continuous service abroad may be taken in the United States or its territories, including American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. (Current law refers to the United States, its territories and possessions, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.)

(Sec. 3) Amends the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to specify that the Secretary may pay the subsistence expenses of Department of State special agents on authorized protective missions at or away from their duty stations.

(Sec. 4) Amends the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994 to extend grant authority for Radio Free Asia for one year.

(Sec. 5) Amends the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003 to extend for one year the International Broadcasting Bureau personal services contracting pilot program under which U.S. citizens or aliens are hired as personal services contractors, without regard to Civil Service and classification laws.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 19, 2008:** Signed by President.
- **Sep 19, 2008:** Became Public Law No: 110-321.
- **Sep 11, 2008:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 9, 2008:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 8, 2008:** Senate Committee on Foreign Relations discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S8141)
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- **Sep 8, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 8, 2008:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 8, 2008:** Cleared for White House.
- **Aug 1, 2008:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Jul 31, 2008:** Received in the Senate.
- **Jul 30, 2008:** Mr. Berman moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 30, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7336)
- **Jul 30, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6456.
- **Jul 30, 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 H7336)
- **Jul 30, 2008:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H7336)
- **Jul 30, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 10, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 10, 2008:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.