

## S 966

### Passport Backlog Reduction Act of 2007

**Congress:** 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

**Introduced:** Mar 22, 2007

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 110-50.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 110-50. (Jul 30, 2007)

**Law:** 110-50 (Enacted Jul 30, 2007)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/senate-bill/966>

### Sponsor

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

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Coleman, Norm [R-MN]	R · MN		Mar 27, 2007
Sen. Biden, Joseph R., Jr. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jun 27, 2007
Sen. Hagel, Chuck [R-NE]	R · NE		Jun 27, 2007

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 10, 2007
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 27, 2007

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

International Affairs

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 2960	Related bill	<b>Jul 20, 2007:</b> Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1583)
110 HR 2845	Identical bill	<b>Jun 25, 2007:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

**(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on July 16, 2007. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Passport Backlog Reduction Act of 2007 - Amends the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to authorize the Secretary of State to employ Foreign Service annuitants to assist in the processing of: (1) passport applications, including passport fraud investigations; and (2) visa applications at consular posts with a substantial application backlog.

Authorizes the Secretary to waive salary and full-time employment pension restrictions through: (1) September 30, 2008, for consular-related employment; and (2) through September 30, 2009, for passport-related employment.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 30, 2007:** Signed by President.
- **Jul 30, 2007:** Became Public Law No: 110-50.
- **Jul 24, 2007:** Presented to President.
- **Jul 19, 2007:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 18, 2007:** Resolving differences -- Senate actions: Senate agreed to House amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S9468; text as Senate agreed to House amendment: CR S9468)
- **Jul 18, 2007:** Senate agreed to House amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S9468; text as Senate agreed to House amendment: CR S9468)
- **Jul 18, 2007:** Cleared for White House.
- **Jul 17, 2007:** Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendment to Senate bill.
- **Jul 16, 2007:** Ms. Watson moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 16, 2007:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7805-7807)
- **Jul 16, 2007:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 966.
- **Jul 16, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H7805)
- **Jul 16, 2007:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H7805)
- **Jul 16, 2007:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 10, 2007:** Received in the House.
- **Jul 10, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
- **Jun 29, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S8755-8756; text of measure as report in Senate: CR S8756; text as passed Senate: CR S8756)
- **Jun 29, 2007:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S8755-8756; text of measure as report in Senate: CR S8756; text as passed Senate: CR S8756)
- **Jun 29, 2007:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 27, 2007:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jun 27, 2007:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Biden with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 110-109.
- **Jun 27, 2007:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 239.
- **Mar 22, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 22, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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