

## HR 1517

To allow certain U.S. Customs and Border Protection employees who serve under an overseas limited appointment for at least 2 years, and whose service is rated fully successful or higher throughout that time, to be converted to a permanent appointment in the competitive service.

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-3]	R · NY		Mar 16, 2009
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-9]	R · FL		Jun 19, 2009
Rep. Miller, Candice S. [R-MI-10]	R · MI		Nov 16, 2009
Rep. Richardson, Laura [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Dec 1, 2009

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Aug 5, 2010
Homeland Security Committee	House	Reported by	Jul 22, 2009
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 26, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

**(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on August 5, 2010. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Authorizes the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to convert an employee serving under an overseas limited appointment for at least two years of current continuous service, whose service is rated at least fully successful throughout that time, to a permanent appointment in the competitive service.

Directs the United States to: (1) indemnify and hold such individual whose appointment is converted harmless from any claim arising from any event, act, or omission that arises from the exercise of such individual's official duties; and (2) provide to such individual (including any dependents) services and monetary payments which are equivalent to those provided to other CBP employees in similar positions in the same country of assignment and for which such individual was not eligible by reason of such individual's overseas limited appointment.

Directs the Commissioner to implement such a conversion in a manner that: (1) meets the operational needs of the CBP; and (2) is not disruptive to the employees affected.

Provides that: (1) nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect the pay of any individual for services performed before the date of his or her conversion; and (2) the authority of the Commissioner to convert an employee under this Act shall terminate two years after enactment.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Oct 5, 2010:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 5, 2010:** Became Public Law No: 111-252.
- **Sep 28, 2010:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 23, 2010:** Mr. Thompson (MS) moved that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment. (consideration: CR H6963-6965)
- **Sep 23, 2010:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1517.
- **Sep 23, 2010:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to by voice vote.(text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR H6963-6964)
- **Sep 23, 2010:** On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to by voice vote. (text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR H6963-6964)
- **Sep 23, 2010:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 23, 2010:** Cleared for White House.
- **Aug 6, 2010:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Aug 5, 2010:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Lieberman with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 111-248.
- **Aug 5, 2010:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 516.
- **Aug 5, 2010:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S6978; text: CR S6978)
- **Aug 5, 2010:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S6978; text: CR S6978)
- **Jul 28, 2010:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Dec 16, 2009:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Dec 15, 2009:** Mr. Cuellar moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 15, 2009:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H14887-14890)
- **Dec 15, 2009:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1517.
- **Dec 15, 2009:** At the conclusion of debate, the chair put the question on the motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Cuellar 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.
- **Dec 15, 2009:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H14901-14902)
- **Dec 15, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by recorded vote (2/3 required): 414 - 1 (Roll no. 972).(text: CR H14887-14888)
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- **Dec 15, 2009:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 14, 2009:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Homeland Security. H. Rept. 111-373, Part I.
- **Dec 14, 2009:** Committee on Oversight and Government discharged.
- **Dec 14, 2009:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 218.
- **Nov 17, 2009:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 17, 2009:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 22, 2009:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 22, 2009:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Jun 26, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Post Office, and the District of Columbia.
- **Mar 23, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism.
- **Mar 16, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 16, 2009:** Referred to House Homeland Security
- **Mar 16, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Mar 16, 2009:** Referred to House Oversight and Government Reform