

## S 2944

A bill to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of State to refuse or revoke visas to aliens if in the security or foreign policy interests of the United States, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to review all visa applications before adjudication, and to provide for the immediate dissemination of visa revocation information.

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**Policy Area:** Immigration

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Chambliss, Saxby [R-GA]	R · GA		Jan 21, 2010
Sen. Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]	R · TX		Jan 21, 2010
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		Jan 21, 2010
Sen. LeMieux, George S. [R-FL]	R · FL		Jan 21, 2010
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Jan 21, 2010
Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA]	R · LA		Jan 21, 2010

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Bills of Interest - Exchange of Letters	Sep 22, 2010
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 21, 2010

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Immigration

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 4758	Related bill	<b>Apr 26, 2010:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law.
111 S 3077	Related bill	<b>Mar 4, 2010:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Amends the Homeland Security Act to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) to refuse or revoke any visa to an alien or class of aliens if necessary or advisable for U.S. security interests. Prohibits judicial review of such determinations.

Authorizes the Secretary of State (Secretary) to direct a consular officer to refuse or revoke a visa if necessary or advisable for U.S. foreign policy interests.

Prohibits a decision by the Secretary to approve a visa from overriding a revocation or refusal determination by the Secretary of Homeland Security.

Provides that the Secretary of Homeland Security: (1) shall review all visa applications and supporting documentation before adjudication; (2) shall have sole authority to issue, refuse, and revoke visas in Algeria, Canada, Egypt, Germany, Great Britain, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Syria, Turkey, Venezuela, and Yemen; and (3) may designate additional consular posts and embassies for on-site personnel to review visa applications if national or homeland security interests warrant such designation.

States that if the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Secretary revokes a visa: (1) the relevant consular, law enforcement, and terrorist screening databases shall be immediately updated; and (2) look-out notices shall be posted to all DHS port inspectors and Department of State consular officers.

### **Actions Timeline**

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