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Return of Talent Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** IN • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Feb 2, 2010
Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]	D · WI		Mar 17, 2010
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 26, 2010

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Mar 26, 2010

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 4321	Related bill	Mar 1, 2010: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law.

Return of Talent Act - (Sec. 2) Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) to establish the Return of Talent Program to permit a lawful permanent resident (and certain family members) to return to his or her country of citizenship or nationality for up to one year (with a six-month extension) in order to contribute to such country's postconflict or natural disaster reconstruction activities or to provide medical services.

Permits such a resident to be considered to be physically present and residing in the United States for naturalization purposes under specified conditions, including that: (1) such absence was solely to engage in postconflict or natural disaster reconstruction or to provide medical services in the resident's country of citizenship or nationality and the Secretary determines that the resident is a citizen or national of certain countries in which there was a conflict or disaster; or (2) the resident is a physician or other health care worker and such temporary absence was solely for the purpose of providing medical services in the resident's country of citizenship or nationality in which certain conflicts or disasters occurred; and (3) prior to, and after, such temporary absence the resident establishes to the satisfaction of the Secretary that his or her U.S. absence was solely for the purpose of performing such activities or services.

Authorizes up to 1,000 aliens in any fiscal year to obtain such preservation of residence and physical presence.

Authorizes the spouse and any minor, dependent unmarried son or daughter who resides in the same household as the Program participant to return to such alien's country of citizenship or nationality or to reenter the United States.

(Sec. 3) Directs the Secretary to report to Congress regarding participating Program countries and reconstruction efforts and medical services provided.

(Sec. 4) Authorizes FY2011 appropriations for United States Citizenship and Immigration Services to carry out this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 26, 2010:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Leahy with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. Without written report.
- **Mar 26, 2010:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 338.
- **Mar 25, 2010:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably.
- **Feb 2, 2010:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 2, 2010:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.