

HR 3012

Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act of 2011

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Chaffetz, Jason [R-UT-3]

Party: Republican • **State:** UT • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Sep 22, 2011
Rep. Griffin, Tim [R-AR-2]	R · AR		Oct 11, 2011
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Oct 25, 2011
Rep. Holt, Rush [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Oct 31, 2011
Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Nov 4, 2011
Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Nov 4, 2011
Rep. Jackson, Jesse L., Jr. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Nov 15, 2011
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-5]	R · PA		Nov 16, 2011
Rep. Flake, Jeff [R-AZ-6]	R · AZ		Nov 18, 2011
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Nov 18, 2011
Rep. Moran, James P. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Nov 18, 2011

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 23, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 3217	Related bill	May 22, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
112 HR 3476	Related bill	Jan 12, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises.
112 S 1983	Related bill	Dec 13, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
112 S 1866	Related bill	Nov 16, 2011: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S7594-7596)
112 S 1857	Identical bill	Nov 10, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Nov 29, 2011)

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on November 18, 2011. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act of 2011 - Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to: (1) eliminate the per country numerical limitation for employment-based immigrants, and (2) increase the per country numerical limitation for family based immigrants from 7% to 15% of the total number of family-sponsored visas.

Amends the Chinese Student Protection Act of 1992 to eliminate the provision requiring the reduction of annual Chinese (PRC) immigrant visas to offset status adjustments under such Act.

Sets forth the following transition period for employment-based second and third preference (EB-2 and EB-3) immigrant visas: (1) for FY2012, 15% of such visas allotted to natives of countries other than the two countries with the largest aggregate numbers of natives obtaining such visas in FY2010; (2) for FY2013, 10% of such visas allotted in each category to natives of countries other than the two with the largest aggregate numbers of natives obtaining such visas in FY2011; and (3) for FY2014, 10% of such visas allotted in each category to natives of countries other than the two with the largest aggregate numbers of natives obtaining such visas in FY2012.

Sets forth the following per country distribution rules: (1) for transition period visas, not more than 25% of the total number of EB-2 and EB-3 visas for natives of a single country; and (2) for non-transition period visas, not more than 85% of EB-2 and EB-3 visas for natives of a single country.

Provides that the amendments made by this Act will take place as if enacted on September 30, 2011, and shall apply beginning in FY2012.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 23, 2012:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 293.
- **Dec 17, 2011:** Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.
- **Nov 30, 2011:** Received in the Senate.
- **Nov 29, 2011:** Mr. Chaffetz moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 29, 2011:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7903-7905)
- **Nov 29, 2011:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3012.
- **Nov 29, 2011:** At the conclusion of debate, the chair put the question on the motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Cohen 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.
- **Nov 29, 2011:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H7916-7917)
- **Nov 29, 2011:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 389 - 15 (Roll no. 860).(text: CR H7903)
- **Nov 29, 2011:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 389 - 15 (Roll no. 860). (text: CR H7903)
- **Nov 29, 2011:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 18, 2011:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 112-292.
- **Nov 18, 2011:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 193.
- **Oct 27, 2011:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 27, 2011:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Sep 23, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement.
- **Sep 22, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 22, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.