

## HR 3039

Welcoming Business Travelers and Tourists to America Act of 2011

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**Chamber:** House

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 23, 2011
Judiciary Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	May 17, 2012

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Immigration

## Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Sep 23, 2011)

Welcoming Business Travelers and Tourists to America Act of 2011 - Directs the Secretary of State to: (1) set a visa processing standard of 12 or fewer calendar days at U.S. diplomatic and consular missions in China, Brazil, and India; and (2) use machine readable nonimmigrant visa fees to hire a sufficient number of Foreign Service officers and limited non-career appointment consular officers to maintain such standard.

Directs the Secretary to: (1) conduct a two-year pilot program for the processing of nonimmigrant visas using secure remote video-conferencing technology for visa interviews, and (2) work with other federal agencies that use such secure communications to help ensure security of the video-conferencing transmission and encryption.

Directs the Secretary to provide Congress with an annual forecast of demand through 2020 for nonimmigrant visas in the high-growth markets of Brazil, China, and India.

Authorizes the Secretary to modify or enter into agreements with certain countries on a non-reciprocal basis to allow for longer visa validity periods if doing so causes no adverse effects to the United States.

## Actions Timeline

- **May 17, 2012:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Oct 12, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement.
- **Sep 23, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 23, 2011:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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.