

## HR 5741

JOLT Act of 2012

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 6, 2012
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	May 15, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 3199	Identical bill	<b>May 17, 2012:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
112 S 2233	Related bill	<b>Mar 27, 2012:</b> Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security . Hearings held.

## Summary (as of May 15, 2012)

Jobs Originated through Launching Travel Act of 2012 or the JOLT Act of 2012 - Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to direct the Secretary of State (Secretary) to establish a pilot fee-based premium processing service to expedite visa interview appointments. Authorizes the Secretary to collect and set fee amounts.

Authorizes the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) to admit into the United States a qualifying Canadian citizen over 50 years old and spouse for a period not to exceed 240 days if the person maintains a Canadian residence and owns a U.S. residence or has rented a U.S. accommodation for the duration of such stay.

Directs the Secretary to make publicly available each month data for the previous two years regarding visa appointment availability for each visa processing post to allow applicants to identify periods of low demand.

Revises the visa waiver program to: (1) authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to designate any country as a program country, (2) adjust visa refusal rate criteria, including addition of a 3% maximum overstay rate, and (3) revise probationary and termination provisions.

Amends the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to include in the Global Entry Trusted Traveler Network individuals who meet security requirements and are employed and sponsored by an international organization which maintains a strong working relationship with the United States. Prohibits enrollment in the Network of a person who is a citizen of a state sponsor of terror as defined in the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of 2010.

Directs the Secretary to require U.S. diplomatic and consular missions to: (1) conduct nonimmigrant visa application interviews expeditiously, consistent with national security requirements and in recognition of resource allocation considerations; (2) set a goal of interviewing 80% of all nonimmigrant visa applicants, worldwide, within three weeks of application receipt; and (3) explore expanding visa processing capacity in China and Brazil with the goal of maintaining interview wait times under 15 work days, recognizing that the first priority of U.S. missions abroad is U.S. citizen protection.

## Actions Timeline

- **Jun 6, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security.
- **May 15, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **May 15, 2012:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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.