

HR 1401

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Chamber: House

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

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Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Oct 21, 2015
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Oct 21, 2015
Rep. Roskam, Peter J. [R-IL-6]	R · IL		Oct 21, 2015
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Oct 28, 2015
Rep. Hill, J. French [R-AR-2]	R · AR		Nov 3, 2015
Rep. Rice, Tom [R-SC-7]	R · SC		Nov 3, 2015
Rep. Crenshaw, Ander [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Nov 17, 2015
Rep. Salmon, Matt [R-AZ-5]	R · AZ		Nov 17, 2015
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Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Nov 17, 2015
Rep. Mica, John L. [R-FL-7]	R · FL		Nov 30, 2015
Rep. Murphy, Patrick [D-FL-18]	D · FL		Dec 17, 2015
Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]	R · UT		Jan 5, 2016
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-17]	D · PA		May 11, 2016
Rep. Green, Gene [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Dec 7, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 21, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 2091	Related bill	Sep 29, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
114 HR 2686	Related bill	Jul 1, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
114 S 1507	Related bill	Jun 4, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Mar 17, 2015)

Jobs Originated through Launching Travel Act of 2015 or the JOLT Act of 2015

Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize the Department 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 (in a single 365-day period) 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.

Revises the secure travel partnership program (the visa waiver program as renamed by this Act) to: (1) authorize DHS 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.

Expresses the sense of Congress that DHS should, in evaluating countries participating in the secure travel partnership program, give review priority to countries where circumstances indicate that such a review is necessary or desirable.

Directs the Department of State 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; and (2) set a goal of interviewing 90% of all nonimmigrant visa applicants, worldwide, within 10 days of application receipt.

Directs the State Department to: (1) develop and conduct a pilot program for processing visas using secure remote videoconferencing technology, and (2) seek to coordinate enrollment and interview processes for individuals eligible for both a U.S. visa and enrollment in the Global Entry program.

Requires an alien at the time of application for U.S. entry under the secure travel partnership program to have a valid, unexpired electronic passport that incorporates biometric and document authentication identifiers that comply with internationally accepted practices.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 21, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **Mar 17, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 17, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.