

## HR 170

### Protect and Grow American Jobs Act

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

**Introduced:** Jan 3, 2017

**Current Status:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.

**Latest Action:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote. (Nov 15, 2017)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/170>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-49]

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

## Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Farenthold, Blake [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Jan 3, 2017
Rep. Hunter, Duncan D. [R-CA-50]	R · CA		Jan 3, 2017
Rep. Labrador, Raul R. [R-ID-1]	R · ID		Jan 3, 2017
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Jan 3, 2017
Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Jan 3, 2017
Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Jan 3, 2017
Rep. Bishop, Mike [R-MI-8]	R · MI		Apr 28, 2017
Rep. Comstock, Barbara [R-VA-10]	R · VA		May 26, 2017
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		May 26, 2017

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 13, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Immigration

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Protect and Grow American Jobs Act

This bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to revise the definition of "exempt H-1B nonimmigrant" to eliminate the masters or higher degree requirement and raise the annual salary threshold requirement from \$60,000 to \$100,000.

(An exempt H-1B nonimmigrant is a nonimmigrant H-1B [specialty occupation] worker meeting certain criteria whom an H-1B dependent employer may hire without having to satisfy certain otherwise applicable H-1B hiring criteria. An H-1B dependent employer is generally one whose H-1B workers comprise 15% or more of the employer's total workforce, with different thresholds applying to smaller employers.)

The bill requires an inflation adjustment to the salary threshold every third fiscal year.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 15, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 15, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jan 13, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **Jan 3, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 3, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.