

## HR 170

Protect and Grow American Jobs Act

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**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.