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Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Jan 16, 2018
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Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Jan 16, 2018
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Jan 16, 2018
Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Jan 16, 2018
Rep. Reichert, David G. [R-WA-8]	R · WA		Jan 16, 2018
Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Jan 16, 2018
Rep. Richmond, Cedric L. [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Jan 16, 2018
Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [R-FL-27]	R · FL		Jan 16, 2018
Rep. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV-3]	D · NV		Jan 16, 2018
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Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Jan 16, 2018
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		Jan 16, 2018
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Jan 16, 2018

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Rep. Shuster, Bill [R-PA-9]	R · PA		Jan 16, 2018
Rep. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Jan 16, 2018
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		Jan 16, 2018
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Rep. Trott, David A. [R-MI-11]	R · MI		Feb 26, 2018
Rep. Coffman, Mike [R-CO-6]	R · CO		Apr 27, 2018
Rep. Curbelo, Carlos [R-FL-26]	R · FL		Apr 27, 2018
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Apr 27, 2018
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Apr 27, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 16, 2018
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 16, 2018
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 16, 2018
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 26, 2018
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 24, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 2367	Related bill	Feb 5, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
115 HR 3440	Related bill	Sep 6, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
115 HR 3479	Related bill	Aug 29, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security.
115 S 1615	Related bill	Jul 20, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Uniting and Securing America Act of 2018 or the USA Act of 2018

This bill provides conditional permanent resident status for an alien meeting specified requirements, including having entered the United States when younger than 18 years old and residing in the United States since December 31, 2013.

An individual may apply to have such conditional basis removed after meeting specified eligibility requirements.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) shall cancel the removal of, and adjust to the status of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence on a conditional basis, an individual who was granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status, unless such individual has engaged in disqualifying conduct.

The bill repeals provisions that deny an unlawful alien eligibility for higher education benefits on the basis of residence within a state unless a U.S. citizen or national is eligible for such benefits without regard to whether such citizen or national is such a resident.

DHS shall: (1) deploy the most practical and effective technology available in order to achieve situational awareness and operational control along the U.S. border; (2) submit to Congress a comprehensive southern border strategy to achieve border control; and (3) begin eradicating the carrizo cane plant and salt cedar along the Rio Grande River.

DHS may construct new ports of entry along the northern and southern borders.

The bill establishes Operation Stonegarden in DHS to provide border security grants to law enforcement agencies in border or maritime border states that are involved in U.S. Customs and Border Protection operations

DHS shall establish a two-year grant program to improve emergency communications in the southern border region for individuals who are at risk of violence and lack cellular and LTE network service.

The number of immigration judges is increased.

The President shall designate a senior official to coordinate federal and international efforts to strengthen citizen security, the rule of law, and economic prosperity in Central America.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 26, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security.
- **Jan 24, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **Jan 16, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 16, 2018:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security, Education and the Workforce, Energy and Commerce, and 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.