

HR 2146

GRACE Act

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Chamber: House

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Rep. Cunningham, Joe [D-SC-1]	D · SC		Jul 15, 2019
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Jul 15, 2019
Rep. Cisneros, Gilbert Ray, Jr. [D-CA-39]	D · CA		Jul 18, 2019
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Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Jul 30, 2019
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Aug 2, 2019
Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]	D · IL		Aug 9, 2019
Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Aug 9, 2019

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Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Aug 20, 2019
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Aug 27, 2019
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Aug 27, 2019
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Sep 3, 2019
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Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Sep 9, 2019
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Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Sep 9, 2019
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Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Sep 17, 2019
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Sep 20, 2019
Rep. Visclosky, Peter J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Sep 20, 2019
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Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Sep 27, 2019
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Oct 4, 2019
Rep. Haaland, Debra A. [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Oct 4, 2019
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Oct 4, 2019
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Oct 8, 2019
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Oct 8, 2019
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Oct 15, 2019
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Oct 15, 2019
Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Oct 17, 2019
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Oct 17, 2019
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Oct 17, 2019
Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Oct 17, 2019
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Oct 17, 2019
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Oct 17, 2019
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Oct 21, 2019
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Oct 21, 2019
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Oct 21, 2019
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Oct 23, 2019
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Oct 23, 2019
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Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Oct 29, 2019
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Oct 29, 2019
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Oct 29, 2019
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Oct 29, 2019
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Oct 29, 2019
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Oct 30, 2019

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Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Nov 8, 2019
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		Nov 8, 2019
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Nov 13, 2019
Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10]	D · FL		Nov 18, 2019
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Dec 11, 2019
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Jan 15, 2020
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Jan 29, 2020
Rep. Heck, Denny [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Apr 10, 2020
Rep. Castro, Joaquin [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Aug 28, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 15, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 5210	Related bill	Dec 19, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
116 S 2936	Related bill	Nov 21, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
116 S 1088	Identical bill	Apr 9, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Apr 9, 2019)

Guaranteed Refugee Admission Ceiling Enhancement Act or the GRACE Act

This bill establishes that the maximum number of refugees admitted each fiscal year shall be no less than 95,000 and that the maximum number shall be treated as the numerical goal for refugee admissions for the applicable fiscal year. The President may set a higher number if it is justified by humanitarian concerns or is otherwise in the national interest.

Currently, the number admitted each fiscal year may not exceed 50,000 unless the President determines that a higher number is justified by humanitarian concerns or is otherwise in the national interest.

The bill directs the President to take into consideration information from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees when establishing the maximum admission number and making certain other related decisions. The President shall report to Congress quarterly on (1) the number of refugees admitted during the preceding quarter, (2) the number of aliens who were security-cleared during the preceding quarter, (3) a plan to reach the numerical goal for admitted refugees for that fiscal year, and (4) other related information.

Actions Timeline

- **May 15, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Apr 9, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 9, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.