

## HR 1157

Department of State Authorization Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

**Introduced:** Feb 18, 2021

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (May 19, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1157>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Feb 18, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Reported By	May 13, 2021
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 19, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

International Affairs

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 7522	Related bill	<b>Apr 14, 2022:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
117 HR 1311	Related bill	<b>Sep 30, 2021:</b> Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
117 HR 1199	Related bill	<b>Jul 29, 2021:</b> Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
117 HR 3313	Related bill	<b>May 18, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
117 HRES 403	Related bill	<b>May 18, 2021:</b> Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
117 S 599	Related bill	<b>Mar 4, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
117 HR 1232	Related bill	<b>Feb 23, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
117 HR 1244	Related bill	<b>Feb 23, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
117 HR 1252	Related bill	<b>Feb 23, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
117 HR 1253	Related bill	<b>Feb 23, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
117 HR 1109	Related bill	<b>Feb 18, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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This bill modifies the management and operations of the Department of State through various measures. These include requiring actions to recruit and retain a diverse workforce, establishing offices and roles to carry out designated functions, and providing for certain public diplomacy and anti-corruption measures.

Specifically, the bill addresses personnel matters within the State Department by, for example, requiring the State Department to submit a comprehensive five-year strategic staffing plan and otherwise modifying provisions related to home leave travel, employee assignment restrictions and preclusions, and the recall and reemployment of career members of the Foreign and civil service. Further, the bill establishes recruitment, retention, and promotion requirements to further the goal of achieving a more diverse workforce at the State Department.

In addition, the bill modifies the organization and operations of the State Department by, among other things, (1) providing statutory authority for the Bureau of Consular Affairs and the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration; and (2) authorizing the establishment of an Assistant Secretary of State for Energy Resources to handle global energy-related issues.

The bill also establishes measures to address State Department information and data security, revises procedures and requirements related to the overseas construction of embassies and consulates, and requires the State Department to report on the efforts of the Coronavirus Repatriation Task Force.

### Actions Timeline

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- **May 19, 2021:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **May 18, 2021:** Mr. Meeks moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 18, 2021:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2432-2450; text: CR H2432-2448)
- **May 18, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1157.
- **May 18, 2021:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **May 18, 2021:** Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 403, proceedings on H.R. 1157 are considered vacated.
- **May 18, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: Pursuant to section 5 of H. Res. 403, and the motion offered by Mr. Hoyer, the following bills passed under suspension of the rules: H.R. 144, as amended; H.R. 204, as amended; H.R. 210, as amended; H.R. 240; H.R. 707, as amended; H.R. 711, as amended; H.R. 1157, as amended; H.R. 1447, as amended; H.R. 1510, as amended; H.R. 1711, as amended; H.R. 2027; H.R. 2167, as amended; H.R. 2441; H.R. 2494; H.R. 2533; H.R. 2655, as amended; H.R. 2695, H.R. 2704; H.R. 2788; H.R. 2878, as amended; and H.R. 3008.(consideration: CR H2482-2520; text: CR H2490-2506)
- **May 18, 2021:** Pursuant to section 5 of H. Res. 403, and the motion offered by Mr. Hoyer, the following bills passed under suspension of the rules: H.R. 144, as amended; H.R. 204, as amended; H.R. 210, as amended; H.R. 240; H.R. 707, as amended; H.R. 711, as amended; H.R. 1157, as amended; H.R. 1447, as amended; H.R. 1510, as amended; H.R. 1711, as amended; H.R. 2027; H.R. 2167, as amended; H.R. 2441; H.R. 2494; H.R. 2533; H.R. 2655, as amended; H.R. 2695, H.R. 2704; H.R. 2788; H.R. 2878, as amended; and H.R. 3008. (consideration: CR H2482-2520; text: CR H2490-2506)
- **May 13, 2021:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Foreign Affairs. H. Rept. 117-33.
- **May 13, 2021:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 18.
- **Feb 25, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 25, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Feb 18, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 18, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.