

## HR 1308

New Deal for New Americans Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

**Introduced:** Feb 24, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship. (Apr 28, 2021)

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### Sponsor

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**Name:** Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]

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

**Cosponsors** (40 total)

<b>Cosponsor</b>	<b>Party / State</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Date Joined</b>
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Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Feb 24, 2021
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Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Feb 24, 2021
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Feb 24, 2021
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Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Mar 11, 2021
Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Mar 11, 2021
Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Apr 5, 2021
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Apr 5, 2021
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		May 25, 2021
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Jun 11, 2021
Rep. Kahele, Kaiali'i [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Jun 29, 2021
Rep. Jones, Mondaire [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Feb 18, 2022

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Feb 24, 2021
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 24, 2021
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 24, 2021
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 25, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 28, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Immigration

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 572	Related bill	<b>Mar 22, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
117 S 433	Identical bill	<b>Feb 24, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
117 S 291	Related bill	<b>Feb 8, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## Summary (as of Feb 24, 2021)

### New Deal for New Americans Act of 2021

This bill provides assistance to immigrants and addresses issues related to naturalization.

The bill establishes the National Office of New Americans to (1) welcome and support immigrants, (2) promote and support immigrant integration, and (3) promote the pursuit of U.S. citizenship among immigrants.

The bill also establishes grant programs for eligible entities that provide (1) legal services for immigrants, (2) English language education that focuses on integrating students into society, and (3) workforce development training that supports the economic integration of immigrants. The bill also reauthorizes the Citizenship and Integration Grant Program within U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

USCIS shall establish a nonprofit entity to spur innovation in the expansion of citizenship preparation programs and to support assistance for immigrants seeking permanent resident status or citizenship.

The bill also requires the Department of Homeland Security to (1) report to Congress before increasing fees for immigration adjudication and naturalization services above the levels of such fees on January 1, 2019, and (2) waive or reduce certain immigration-related fees for low-income aliens.

The bill also (1) waives the English proficiency requirement for the naturalization of certain permanent residents, (2) repeals the public charge ground for deportation, (3) requires states to provide for automatic voter registration to qualifying new citizens unless that individual declines, and (4) sets a floor of 125,000 to the maximum number of refugees who may be admitted into the United States each year.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 28, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Feb 25, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations.
- **Feb 24, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 24, 2021:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E163-164)
- **Feb 24, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, House Administration, Foreign Affairs, and Homeland Security, 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.