

HR 1573

Access to Counsel Act of 2021

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Policy Area: Immigration

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]

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

Cosponsors (49 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Mar 9, 2021
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Mar 9, 2021
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Mar 9, 2021
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Mar 9, 2021
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Mar 9, 2021
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Mar 9, 2021
Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Mar 9, 2021
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Mar 9, 2021
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Mar 9, 2021
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Mar 9, 2021
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Mar 9, 2021
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Mar 9, 2021
Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Mar 10, 2021
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Mar 10, 2021
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Mar 10, 2021
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Mar 10, 2021
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Mar 10, 2021
Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Jacobs, Sara [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Jones, Mondaire [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Leger Fernandez, Teresa [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Newman, Marie [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Torres, Norma J. [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Torres, Ritchie [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Mar 26, 2021

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]	D · IL		Apr 13, 2021
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Apr 13, 2021
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Apr 13, 2021
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Apr 13, 2021
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Apr 13, 2021
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Apr 13, 2021
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Apr 13, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported By	Apr 17, 2021
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 22, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1912	Identical bill	May 27, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S3899-3900)
117 HRES 330	Related bill	Apr 20, 2021: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Summary (as of Apr 21, 2021)

Access to Counsel Act of 2021

This bill provides various protections for covered individuals subject to secondary or deferred inspections when seeking admission into the United States. Covered individuals include U.S. nationals, lawful permanent residents, aliens in possession of a visa, returning asylees, and refugees.

The Department of Homeland Security shall ensure that a covered individual subject to secondary or deferred inspection has a meaningful opportunity to consult with counsel and certain related parties, such as a relative, within an hour of the start of the secondary inspection and as necessary during the inspection process. The counsel and related party shall be allowed to advocate on behalf of the covered individual, including by providing evidence and information to the examining immigration officer.

A lawful permanent resident subject to secondary or deferred inspection may not abandon lawful permanent resident status until the individual has had a meaningful opportunity to seek advice from counsel, unless the individual voluntarily and knowingly waives in writing this opportunity to seek counsel's advice.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 22, 2021:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Apr 21, 2021:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 330. (consideration: CR H2016-2025)
- **Apr 21, 2021:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 51, H.R. 1573 and H.R. 1333. Measure will be considered read. Bill is closed to amendments. The previous question on each measure is considered ordered without intervening motions except one hour of debate and a motion to recommit. H. Res. 316 and H. Con. Res. 30 are adopted.
- **Apr 21, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 1573.
- **Apr 21, 2021:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Apr 21, 2021:** Mr. Issa moved to recommit to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text: CR H2024)
- **Apr 21, 2021:** The previous question on the motion was ordered without objection.
- **Apr 21, 2021:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - The Chair put the question on the Issa motion to recommit and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Issa demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **Apr 21, 2021:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2030-2032)
- **Apr 21, 2021:** On motion to recommit Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 209 - 215 (Roll no. 128).
- **Apr 21, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 217 - 207 (Roll no. 129).(text: CR H2016)
- **Apr 21, 2021:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 217 - 207 (Roll no. 129). (text: CR H2016)
- **Apr 21, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 20, 2021:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 330 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 51, H.R. 1573 and H.R. 1333. Measure will be considered read. Bill is closed to amendments. The previous question on each measure is considered ordered without intervening motions except one hour of debate and a motion to recommit. H. Res. 316 and H. Con. Res. 30 are adopted.
- **Apr 16, 2021:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 117-21.
- **Apr 16, 2021:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 8.
- **Apr 14, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 14, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 24 - 16.
- **Mar 3, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 3, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.