

HR 335

To provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces.

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Law: 117-1 (Enacted Jan 22, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 15, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 11	Related bill	Mar 6, 2021: Motion to proceed to consideration of measure made in Senate.
117 S 12	Identical bill	Jan 21, 2021: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 3.

Summary (as of Jan 22, 2021)

This bill allows the first person nominated and appointed as Secretary of Defense after 12 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) on January 20, 2021, to be a person who is, on the date of appointment, at least four years after relief from active duty as a commissioned officer of a regular component of the Armed Forces. Under current law, an individual may not be appointed as Secretary of Defense within seven years after relief from such active duty.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 22, 2021:** Signed by President.
- **Jan 22, 2021:** Became Public Law No: 117-1.
- **Jan 21, 2021:** ORDER OF PROCEDURE - Mr. McGovern asked for unanimous consent that it be in order at any time to consider H.R. 335 in the House if called up by the chair of the Committee on Armed Services or his designee; that all points of order against consideration of the bill be waived; that the bill be considered as read; that all points of order against provisions in the bill be waived; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the bill and on any amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit. Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 21, 2021:** Consideration initiated pursuant to a previous order.
- **Jan 21, 2021:** Considered pursuant to a previous order. (consideration: CR H209-219)
- **Jan 21, 2021:** DEBATE - Pursuant to a previous special order, the House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 335.
- **Jan 21, 2021:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to a previous order of the House.
- **Jan 21, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 326 - 78 (Roll no. 18).(text: CR H210)
- **Jan 21, 2021:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 326 - 78 (Roll no. 18). (text: CR H210)
- **Jan 21, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 21, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Received in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed (under the order of 1/21/21, having achieved 60 votes in the affirmative) without amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 69 - 27. Record Vote Number: 4.(consideration: CR S86-87)
- **Jan 21, 2021:** Received in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed (under the order of 1/21/21, having achieved 60 votes in the affirmative) without amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 69 - 27. Record Vote Number: 4. (consideration: CR S86-87)
- **Jan 21, 2021:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jan 21, 2021:** Presented to President.
- **Jan 15, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 15, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.