

## HR 3985

### ALLIES Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

**Introduced:** Jun 17, 2021

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate. (Jul 22, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/3985>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]

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

## Cosponsors (140 total)

| Cosponsor                                       | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|---|---------------|------|--------------|
| Del. San Nicolas, Michael F. Q. [D-GU-At Large] | D · GU        |      | Jun 17, 2021 |
| Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]                        | R · NE        |      | Jun 17, 2021 |
| Rep. Baird, James R. [R-IN-4]                   | R · IN        |      | Jun 17, 2021 |
| Rep. Bera, Ami [D-CA-7]                         | D · CA        |      | Jun 17, 2021 |
| Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]                  | D · OR        |      | Jun 17, 2021 |
| Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]                   | D · PA        |      | Jun 17, 2021 |
| Rep. Dunn, Neal P. [R-FL-2]                     | R · FL        |      | Jun 17, 2021 |
| Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]                    | D · AZ        |      | Jun 17, 2021 |
| Rep. Jacobs, Sara [D-CA-53]                     | D · CA        |      | Jun 17, 2021 |
| Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]                         | D · NJ        |      | Jun 17, 2021 |
| Rep. Kinzinger, Adam [R-IL-16]                  | R · IL        |      | Jun 17, 2021 |
| Rep. Lamb, Conor [D-PA-17]                      | D · PA        |      | Jun 17, 2021 |
| Rep. Malinowski, Tom [D-NJ-7]                   | D · NJ        |      | Jun 17, 2021 |
| Rep. Meijer, Peter [R-MI-3]                     | R · MI        |      | Jun 17, 2021 |
| Rep. Miller-Meeks, Mariannette [R-IA-2]         | R · IA        |      | Jun 17, 2021 |
| Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]                     | D · MA        |      | Jun 17, 2021 |
| Rep. Murphy, Stephanie N. [D-FL-7]              | D · FL        |      | Jun 17, 2021 |
| Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]                  | D · CA        |      | Jun 17, 2021 |
| Rep. Stanton, Greg [D-AZ-9]                     | D · AZ        |      | Jun 17, 2021 |
| Rep. Taylor, Van [R-TX-3]                       | R · TX        |      | Jun 17, 2021 |
| Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]                    | D · CA        |      | Jun 17, 2021 |
| Rep. Waltz, Michael [R-FL-6]                    | R · FL        |      | Jun 17, 2021 |
| Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]               | D · VT        |      | Jun 17, 2021 |
| Rep. Wenstrup, Brad R. [R-OH-2]                 | R · OH        |      | Jun 17, 2021 |
| Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]     | D · DC        |      | Jun 22, 2021 |
| Rep. Auchincloss, Jake [D-MA-4]                 | D · MA        |      | Jun 22, 2021 |
| Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]                       | D · TN        |      | Jun 22, 2021 |
| Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]                     | D · CT        |      | Jun 22, 2021 |
| Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-22]              | D · FL        |      | Jun 22, 2021 |
| Rep. Emmer, Tom [R-MN-6]                        | R · MN        |      | Jun 22, 2021 |
| Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]             | R · PA        |      | Jun 22, 2021 |
| Rep. Jones, Mondaire [D-NY-17]                  | D · NY        |      | Jun 22, 2021 |
| Rep. Kahele, Kaiali'i [D-HI-2]                  | D · HI        |      | Jun 22, 2021 |
| Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]                | D · MA        |      | Jun 22, 2021 |
| Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]                 | D · NY        |      | Jun 22, 2021 |
| Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]                       | D · MN        |      | Jun 22, 2021 |
| Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]                   | D · CA        |      | Jun 22, 2021 |
| Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]                     | D · NH        |      | Jun 22, 2021 |
| Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]                     | D · MD        |      | Jun 22, 2021 |
| Rep. Scott, Austin [R-GA-8]                     | R · GA        |      | Jun 22, 2021 |
| Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]                    | D · TX        |      | Jun 22, 2021 |

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| Rep. Brown, Anthony G. [D-MD-4]                                 | D · MD        |      | Jun 23, 2021 |
| Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]                                  | D · CA        |      | Jun 23, 2021 |
| Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]                                   | D · IL        |      | Jun 23, 2021 |
| Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]                                     | D · PA        |      | Jun 23, 2021 |
| Rep. Fletcher, Lizzie [D-TX-7]                                  | D · TX        |      | Jun 23, 2021 |
| Rep. Gaetz, Matt [R-FL-1]                                       | R · FL        |      | Jun 23, 2021 |
| Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]                                  | D · NV        |      | Jun 23, 2021 |
| Rep. McEachin, A. Donald [D-VA-4]                               | D · VA        |      | Jun 23, 2021 |
| Rep. Moore, Blake D. [R-UT-1]                                   | R · UT        |      | Jun 23, 2021 |
| Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]                               | D · NY        |      | Jun 23, 2021 |
| Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]                                 | D · PA        |      | Jun 23, 2021 |
| Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-8]                                   | D · MI        |      | Jun 23, 2021 |
| Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]                                       | D · PA        |      | Jun 23, 2021 |
| Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large] | R · PR        |      | Jun 23, 2021 |
| Rep. Bourdeaux, Carolyn [D-GA-7]                                | D · GA        |      | Jun 24, 2021 |
| Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8]                                  | D · PA        |      | Jun 24, 2021 |
| Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]  | D · HI        |      | Jun 24, 2021 |
| Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]                                      | D · TN        |      | Jun 24, 2021 |
| Rep. Crenshaw, Dan [R-TX-2]                                     | R · TX        |      | Jun 24, 2021 |
| Rep. Houlahan, Chrissy [D-PA-6]                                 | D · PA        |      | Jun 24, 2021 |
| Rep. Kirkpatrick, Ann [D-AZ-2]                                  | D · AZ        |      | Jun 24, 2021 |
| Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]                                  | D · VA        |      | Jun 24, 2021 |
| Rep. Manning, Kathy E. [D-NC-6]                                 | D · NC        |      | Jun 24, 2021 |
| Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]                                  | D · CA        |      | Jun 24, 2021 |
| Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]  | D · OH        |      | Jun 24, 2021 |
| Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]                                    | D · CA        |      | Jun 24, 2021 |
| Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]                               | R · NY        |      | Jun 24, 2021 |
| Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]                                    | R · UT        |      | Jun 24, 2021 |
| Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]                                   | D · MI        |      | Jun 24, 2021 |
| Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]                                 | R · AK        |      | Jun 24, 2021 |
| Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-21]                                    | D · FL        |      | Jun 25, 2021 |
| Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]                                     | D · CT        |      | Jun 25, 2021 |
| Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]                                      | D · CA        |      | Jun 25, 2021 |
| Rep. Pfluger, August [R-TX-11]                                  | R · TX        |      | Jun 25, 2021 |
| Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]                             | D · FL        |      | Jun 25, 2021 |
| Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]                                | R · FL        |      | Jun 28, 2021 |
| Rep. Buck, Ken [R-CO-4]   | R · CO        |      | Jun 28, 2021 |
| Rep. Cheney, Liz [R-WY-At Large]                                | R · WY        |      | Jun 28, 2021 |
| Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]                                     | D · IL        |      | Jun 28, 2021 |
| Rep. Golden, Jared F. [D-ME-2]                                  | D · ME        |      | Jun 28, 2021 |
| Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]                                   | R · MO        |      | Jun 28, 2021 |
| Rep. Huizenga, Bill [R-MI-2]                                    | R · MI        |      | Jun 28, 2021 |

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| Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]             | D · WA        |      | Jun 28, 2021 |
| Rep. Malliotakis, Nicole [R-NY-11]         | R · NY        |      | Jun 28, 2021 |
| Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]              | D · MN        |      | Jun 28, 2021 |
| Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]              | D · CA        |      | Jun 28, 2021 |
| Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]               | D · MN        |      | Jun 28, 2021 |
| Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]             | D · ME        |      | Jun 28, 2021 |
| Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]                 | D · WA        |      | Jun 28, 2021 |
| Rep. Tenney, Claudia [R-NY-22]             | R · NY        |      | Jun 28, 2021 |
| Rep. Franklin, C. Scott [R-FL-15]          | R · FL        |      | Jun 29, 2021 |
| Rep. Garcia, Mike [R-CA-25]                | R · CA        |      | Jun 29, 2021 |
| Rep. Timmons, William R. IV [R-SC-4]       | R · SC        |      | Jun 29, 2021 |
| Rep. Allred, Colin Z. [D-TX-32]            | D · TX        |      | Jun 30, 2021 |
| Rep. Davidson, Warren [R-OH-8]             | R · OH        |      | Jun 30, 2021 |
| Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]                 | D · WA        |      | Jun 30, 2021 |
| Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]                | D · CA        |      | Jun 30, 2021 |
| Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]            | D · CA        |      | Jun 30, 2021 |
| Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]   | D · MD        |      | Jun 30, 2021 |
| Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-4]          | R · FL        |      | Jun 30, 2021 |
| Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]             | D · NJ        |      | Jul 1, 2021  |
| Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]    | D · VA        |      | Jul 1, 2021  |
| Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8]               | R · IN        |      | Jul 6, 2021  |
| Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]                    | D · WI        |      | Jul 6, 2021  |
| Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]                 | D · MA        |      | Jul 6, 2021  |
| Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]               | D · CA        |      | Jul 9, 2021  |
| Rep. Fallon, Pat [R-TX-4]                  | R · TX        |      | Jul 9, 2021  |
| Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]              | D · CA        |      | Jul 9, 2021  |
| Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]                  | D · WI        |      | Jul 9, 2021  |
| Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]                  | D · NV        |      | Jul 9, 2021  |
| Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]                   | D · CA        |      | Jul 13, 2021 |
| Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]            | D · NY        |      | Jul 13, 2021 |
| Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]                | D · IA        |      | Jul 16, 2021 |
| Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large] | D · DE        |      | Jul 16, 2021 |
| Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]                | D · IN        |      | Jul 16, 2021 |
| Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]          | D · RI        |      | Jul 16, 2021 |
| Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]                 | D · MN        |      | Jul 16, 2021 |
| Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]         | D · TX        |      | Jul 16, 2021 |
| Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]          | D · MA        |      | Jul 16, 2021 |
| Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]              | D · CT        |      | Jul 16, 2021 |
| Rep. Leger Fernandez, Teresa [D-NM-3]      | D · NM        |      | Jul 16, 2021 |
| Rep. Palazzo, Steven M. [R-MS-4]           | R · MS        |      | Jul 16, 2021 |
| Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]            | D · NY        |      | Jul 16, 2021 |
| Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]              | D · CA        |      | Jul 16, 2021 |

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| Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]           | D · MS        |      | Jul 16, 2021 |
| Rep. Bowman, Jamaal [D-NY-16]               | D · NY        |      | Jul 19, 2021 |
| Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]          | D · VA        |      | Jul 19, 2021 |
| Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]                | D · CO        |      | Jul 19, 2021 |
| Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]            | D · TX        |      | Jul 19, 2021 |
| Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]                   | D · CA        |      | Jul 19, 2021 |
| Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]                   | D · CO        |      | Jul 19, 2021 |
| Rep. Torres, Ritchie [D-NY-15]              | D · NY        |      | Jul 19, 2021 |
| Rep. Wexton, Jennifer [D-VA-10]             | D · VA        |      | Jul 19, 2021 |
| Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8]               | R · NC        |      | Jul 20, 2021 |
| Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4] | D · GA        |      | Jul 20, 2021 |
| Rep. Torres, Norma J. [D-CA-35]             | D · CA        |      | Jul 20, 2021 |
| Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]            | D · CA        |      | Jul 21, 2021 |
| Rep. Strickland, Marilyn [D-WA-10]          | D · WA        |      | Jul 21, 2021 |
| Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]                   | D · NY        |      | Jul 22, 2021 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee           | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|---------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Judiciary Committee | House   | Referred To | Jun 17, 2021 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Immigration

## Related Bills

| Bill         | Relationship         | Last Action   |
|--------------|----------------------|---|
| 117 HR 5134  | Related bill         | Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.         |
| 117 HRES 535 | Procedurally related | Jul 20, 2021: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. |

## **Averting Loss of Life and Injury by Expediting SIVs Act of 2021 or the Allies Act of 2021**

This bill increases the number of special immigrant visas available to qualified Afghan nationals who worked for the U.S. government or the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) missions in Afghanistan. The bill also relaxes certain qualifications for such visas.

Specifically, this bill makes available an additional 8,000 visas for principal aliens under this special visa program, to be available until all such visas have been issued. (The numerical limitations in this program apply only to the principal alien who applies for the visa, not to any accompanying spouse or child.)

Under this bill, an alien may qualify based on a credible basis for concern about the possibility of an ongoing serious threat in Afghanistan due to their work with the U.S. government or a NATO mission, where currently the alien must have experienced such a threat. The bill also eliminates a requirement for each applicant to submit a credible sworn statement describing that threat.

Furthermore, for an applicant qualifying for a visa by performing duties for U.S. military personnel stationed with a NATO mission, this bill eliminates a requirement that the duties performed qualify as sensitive and trusted duties.

If an alien submits a visa application that included an accompanying spouse or child but the alien passes away before the application is granted, the surviving spouse or child shall remain eligible to receive a visa under that application.

Currently, a surviving spouse or child retains eligibility only if the application was approved before the alien passed away.

### **Actions Timeline**

- **Jul 22, 2021:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 535. (consideration: CR H3807-3817)
- **Jul 22, 2021:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2467, H.R. 2668 and H.R. 3985. The resolution provides for one hour of general debate on H.R. 2467, H.R. 2668 and H.R. 3985. The resolution provides en bloc suspension authority and provides at any time through the legislative day of Thursday, July 22, 2021, the Speaker may entertain motions offered by the Majority Leader or a designee that the House suspend the rules with respect to multiple measures that were the object of motions to suspend the rules on the legislative days of July 19 or 20, 2021, and on which the yeas and nays were ordered and further proceedings postponed.
- **Jul 22, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 3985.
- **Jul 22, 2021:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Jul 22, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 407 - 16 (Roll no. 218).(text: CR H3807)
- **Jul 22, 2021:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 407 - 16 (Roll no. 218). (text: CR H3807)
- **Jul 22, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 22, 2021:** Received in the Senate.
- **Jul 20, 2021:** Rule H. Res. 535 passed House.
- **Jul 19, 2021:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 535 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2467, H.R. 2668 and H.R. 3985. The resolution provides for one hour of general debate on H.R. 2467, H.R. 2668 and H.R. 3985. The resolution provides en bloc suspension authority and provides at any time through the legislative day of Thursday, July 22, 2021, the Speaker may entertain motions offered by the Majority Leader or a designee that the House suspend the rules with respect to multiple measures that were the object of motions to suspend the rules on the legislative days of July 19 or 20, 2021, and on which the yeas and nays were ordered and further proceedings postponed.
- **Jun 17, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 17, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.