

## HR 6965

Visit America Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Mar 7, 2022

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

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate. (Oct 11, 2022)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]

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

### Cosponsors (14 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Mar 7, 2022
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Mar 7, 2022
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Jun 22, 2022
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Jun 23, 2022
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Jun 23, 2022
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Jun 24, 2022
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Jun 28, 2022
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10]	D · FL		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Jul 11, 2022
Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Jul 12, 2022
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Jul 13, 2022
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Sep 28, 2022
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Sep 28, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Discharged from	Sep 21, 2022
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Discharged From	Sep 28, 2022
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged From	Sep 28, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Commerce

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 3375	Related bill	<b>Oct 18, 2022:</b> By Senator Cantwell from Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation filed written report under authority of the order of the Senate of 10/14/2022. Report No. 117-191.
117 HR 7820	Related bill	<b>May 19, 2022:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.
117 S 1947	Related bill	<b>May 27, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## Summary (as of Sep 29, 2022)

### Visit America Act

This bill implements measures to support the U.S. travel and tourism industry and to address the declining percentage of international visitors to the United States.

Specifically, the bill requires the Department of Commerce to develop a 10-year travel and tourism strategy with annual goals for the number of international visitors to the United States and for tourism commerce.

The bill also establishes the role of Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Travel and Tourism, whose responsibilities shall include setting an annual goal for the number of international visitors to the United States and facilitating international business travel to the United States.

Further, the assistant secretary must develop and implement a COVID-19 pandemic recovery strategy to assist the recovery of the U.S. travel and tourism industry.

The bill also provides statutory authority for the United States Travel and Tourism Advisory Board, which shall aid the assistant secretary in developing and implementing the COVID-19 pandemic recovery strategy.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Oct 11, 2022:** Received in the Senate.
- **Sep 29, 2022:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H8274-8275)
- **Sep 29, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 325 - 93 (Roll no. 466).
- **Sep 29, 2022:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 325 - 93 (Roll no. 466). (text: CR H8155-8156)
- **Sep 29, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 28, 2022:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 117-508, Part I.
- **Sep 28, 2022:** Committee on Foreign Affairs discharged.
- **Sep 28, 2022:** Committee on the Judiciary discharged.
- **Sep 28, 2022:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 382.
- **Sep 28, 2022:** Ms. Schakowsky moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 28, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8155-8157)
- **Sep 28, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6965.
- **Sep 28, 2022:** 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.
- **Sep 21, 2022:** Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce Discharged.
- **Sep 21, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 21, 2022:** Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 56 - 0.
- **Mar 8, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.
- **Mar 7, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 7, 2022:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and the Judiciary, 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.