

## HR 185

To terminate the requirement imposed by the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for proof of COVID-19 vaccination for foreign travelers, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 20, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 3094	Related bill	<b>May 5, 2023:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security and Enforcement.
118 S 455	Related bill	<b>Feb 15, 2023:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
118 HRES 97	Related bill	<b>Feb 7, 2023:</b> Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Summary (as of Feb 8, 2023)

This bill nullifies the order issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) titled *Amended Order Implementing Presidential Proclamation on Advancing the Safe Resumption of Global Travel During the COVID-19 Pandemic* and published on April 7, 2022. (The order restricts the entry of noncitizens who are not immigrants into the United States by air travel unless they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or otherwise attest that they will take public health measures to prevent the spread of the disease.)

The bill also nullifies any successor or subsequent orders that require foreign persons traveling by air to show proof of a COVID-19 vaccination as a condition of entry and prohibits the use of federal funds to administer or enforce such a requirement. However, the bill does not affect the CDC order published on January 5, 2023, that governs COVID-19 testing or documentation of COVID-19 recovery for certain individuals traveling from China to the United States by aircraft.

In addition, the CDC must report to Congress about the number of visitors who were denied entry into the United States from April 7, 2022, until the date of the bill's enactment.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 13, 2023:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 14.
- **Feb 9, 2023:** Received in the Senate. Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.
- **Feb 8, 2023:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 97. (consideration: CR H747-757; text: CR H752-753)
- **Feb 8, 2023:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 185, H.J. Res. 24 and H.J. Res. 26 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order.
- **Feb 8, 2023:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 97 and Rule XVIII.
- **Feb 8, 2023:** The Speaker designated the Honorable Kevin Kiley to act as Chairman of the Committee.
- **Feb 8, 2023:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 185.
- **Feb 8, 2023:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 97, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the McGovern amendment No. 1.
- **Feb 8, 2023:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the McGovern amendment No. 1, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Pallone demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **Feb 8, 2023:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 97, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Boebert amendment No. 2.
- **Feb 8, 2023:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Boebert amendment No. 2, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mrs. Boebert demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **Feb 8, 2023:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 97, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Golden (ME) amendment No. 3.
- **Feb 8, 2023:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Golden (ME) amendment No. 3, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Pallone demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **Feb 8, 2023:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 97, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Rose amendment No. 4.
- **Feb 8, 2023:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Rose amendment No. 4, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Pallone demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **Feb 8, 2023:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 97, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Torres (CA) amendment No. 5.
- **Feb 8, 2023:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Torres (CA) amendment No. 5, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Pallone demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **Feb 8, 2023:** Mr. Bucshon moved that the committee rise.
- **Feb 8, 2023:** On motion that the committee rise Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Feb 8, 2023:** Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union rises leaving H.R. 185 as unfinished business.
- **Feb 8, 2023:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H757-762)
- **Feb 8, 2023:** The House resolved into Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration.
- **Feb 8, 2023:** UNFINISHED BUSINESS - The Chair announced that the unfinished business was on the question of agreeing to amendments, which had been debated earlier and on which further proceedings had been postponed.
- **Feb 8, 2023:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 185.
- **Feb 8, 2023:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.

**Feb 8, 2023:** The House adopted the amendments en gross as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

- **Feb 8, 2023:** Ms. Schrier moved to recommit to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. (text: CR H760)
- **Feb 8, 2023:** The previous question on the motion to recommit was ordered pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XIX.
- **Feb 8, 2023:** On motion to recommit Failed by recorded vote: 208 - 220 (Roll no. 115).
- **Feb 8, 2023:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 227 - 201 (Roll no. 116).
- **Feb 8, 2023:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 227 - 201 (Roll no. 116).
- **Feb 8, 2023:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 7, 2023:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 97 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 185, H.J. Res. 24 and H.J. Res. 26 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order.
- **Jan 20, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 9, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 9, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.