

Union Calendar No. 159

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2541

[Report No. 107-206, Part I]

To enhance the authorities of special agents and provide limited authorities to uniformed officers responsible for the protection of domestic Department of State occupied facilities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 18, 2001

Mr. HYDE (for himself and Mr. LANTOS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

SEPTEMBER 19, 2001

Reported and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary for a period ending not later than October 12, 2001, for consideration of such provisions of the bill as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(k), rule X.

OCTOBER 12, 2001

Referral to the Committee on the Judiciary extended for a period ending not later than November 2, 2001.

NOVEMBER 2, 2001

Committee on the Judiciary discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

A BILL

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the protection of domestic Department of State occupied facilities.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SPECIAL AGENT AUTHORITIES.**

4 (a) GENERAL AUTHORITY OF SPECIAL AGENTS.—
5 Section 37(a) of the State Department Basic Authorities
6 Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2709(a)) is amended—

7 (1) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the
8 following:

9 “(2) in the course of performing the functions
10 set forth in paragraphs (1) and (3), obtain and exe-
11 cute search and arrest warrants, as well as obtain
12 and serve subpoenas and summonses, issued under
13 the authority of the United States;”;

14 (2) in paragraph (3)(F) by inserting “or Presi-
15 dent-elect” after “President”; and

16 (3) by striking paragraph (5) and inserting the
17 following:

18 “(5) in the course of performing the functions
19 set forth in paragraphs (1) and (3), make arrests
20 without warrant for any offense against the United
21 States committed in the presence of the special
22 agent, or for any felony cognizable under the laws
23 of the United States if the special agent has reason-

1 able grounds to believe that the person to be ar-
2 rested has committed or is committing such felony.”.

3 (b) CRIMES.—Section 37 of such Act (22 U.S.C.
4 2709) is amended by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
5 lowing new subsections:

6 “(d) INTERFERENCE WITH AGENTS.—Whoever
7 knowingly and willfully obstructs, resists, or interferes
8 with a Federal law enforcement agent engaged in the per-
9 formance of the protective functions authorized by this
10 section shall be fined under title 18 or imprisoned not
11 more than one year, or both.

12 “(e) PERSONS UNDER PROTECTION OF SPECIAL
13 AGENTS.—Whoever engages in any conduct—

14 “(1) directed against an individual entitled to
15 protection under this section, and

16 “(2) which would constitute a violation of sec-
17 tion 112 or 878 of title 18, United States Code, if
18 such individual were a foreign official, an official
19 guest, or an internationally protected person,

20 shall be subject to the same penalties as are provided for
21 such conduct directed against an individual subject to pro-
22 tection under such section of title 18.”.

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