

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 1656, With An Amendment

(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1656

To provide for additional resources for the Secret Service, and to improve protections for restricted areas.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 26, 2015

Mr. GOODLATTE (for himself, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Ms. JACKSON LEE, and Mr. McCAUL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To provide for additional resources for the Secret Service,
and to improve protections for restricted areas.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Secret Service Im-
5 provements Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF**
2 **THE SECRET SERVICE.**

3 Section 3056 of title 18, United States Code, is
4 amended by adding at the end:

5 “(h) The Director of the Secret Service shall be ap-
6 pointed by the President, by and with the advice and con-
7 sent of the Senate. The Director of the Secret Service is
8 the head of the Secret Service.”.

9 **SEC. 3. RESTRICTED BUILDING OR GROUNDS.**

10 Section 1752(a) of title 18, United States Code, is
11 amended—

12 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “or” at the
13 end;

14 (2) in paragraph (4), by inserting “or” at the
15 end; and

16 (3) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-
17 lowing:

18 “(5) knowingly, and with the intent to enter a
19 restricted building or grounds, causes any object to
20 enter any restricted building or grounds, when, or so
21 that, such object, in fact, impedes or disrupts the or-
22 derly conduct of government business or official
23 functions;”.

1 **SEC. 4. THREATS AGAINST FORMER VICE PRESIDENTS.**

2 Section 879(a)(4) of title 18, United States Code, is
3 amended by striking “section 3056(a)(6)” and inserting
4 “paragraph (6) or (8) of section 3056(a)”.

5 **SEC. 5. INCREASED TRAINING.**

6 Beginning in the first full fiscal year after the date
7 of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Secret Service
8 shall increase the annual number of hours spent training
9 by officers and agents of the Secret Service, including offi-
10 cers of the United States Secret Service Uniformed Divi-
11 sion established under section 3056A of title 18, United
12 States Code and agents operating pursuant to section
13 3056 of title 18, United States Code, including joint train-
14 ing between the two.

15 **SEC. 6. TRAINING FACILITIES.**

16 The Director of the Secret Service is authorized to
17 construct facilities at the Rowley Training Center nec-
18 essary to improve the training of officers of the United
19 States Secret Service Uniformed Division established
20 under section 3056A of title 18, United States Code and
21 agents of the United States Secret Service, operating pur-
22 suant to section 3056 of title 18, United States Code.

23 **SEC. 7. HIRING OF ADDITIONAL OFFICERS AND AGENTS.**

24 The Director of the Secret Service is authorized to
25 hire not fewer than—

1 (1) 200 additional officers for the United States
2 Secret Service Uniformed Division established under
3 section 3056A of title 18, United States Code; and

4 (2) 85 additional agents for the United States
5 Secret Service Presidential Protective Detail, oper-
6 ating pursuant to section 3056 of title 18, United
7 States Code.

8 **SEC. 8. EVALUATION OF VULNERABILITIES AND THREATS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Secret Service
10 shall devise and adopt improved procedures for evaluating
11 vulnerabilities in the security of the White House and
12 threats to persons protected by the Secret Service, includ-
13 ing threats posed by unmanned aerial systems or explosive
14 devices.

15 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
16 of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Secret Service
17 shall report on the implementation of subsection (a) to—

18 (1) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
19 House of Representatives;

20 (2) the Committee on the Judiciary of the Sen-
21 ate;

22 (3) the Committee on Homeland Security of the
23 House of Representatives;

24 (4) the Committee on Homeland Security and
25 Governmental Affairs of the Senate; and

1 (5) the Committee on Oversight and Govern-
2 ment Reform of the House of Representatives.

3 **SEC. 9. EVALUATION OF USE OF TECHNOLOGY.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Secret Serv-
5 ice, in consultation with the Under Secretary for Science
6 and Technology of the Department of Homeland Security,
7 and other experts, shall devise and adopt improved proce-
8 dures for—

9 (1) evaluating the ways in which technology
10 may be used to improve the security of the White
11 House and the response to threats to persons pro-
12 tected by the Secret Service; and

13 (2) retaining evidence pertaining to the duties
14 referred to in paragraph (1) for an extended period
15 of time.

16 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
17 of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Secret Service
18 shall report on the implementation of subsection (a) to—

19 (1) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
20 House of Representatives;

21 (2) the Committee on the Judiciary of the Sen-
22 ate;

23 (3) the Committee on Homeland Security of the
24 House of Representatives;

1 (4) the Committee on Homeland Security and
2 Governmental Affairs of the Senate; and

3 (5) the Committee on Oversight and Govern-
4 ment Reform of the House of Representatives.

5 **SEC. 10. EVALUATION OF USE OF ADDITIONAL WEAPONRY.**

6 The Director of the Secret Service shall evaluate the
7 practicability of equipping agents and officers with weap-
8 ons other than those provided to officers and agents of
9 the Secret Service as of the date of enactment of this Act,
10 including nonlethal weapons.

11 **SEC. 11. SECURITY COSTS FOR SECONDARY RESIDENCES.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Presidential Protection As-
13 sistance Act of 1976 (18 U.S.C. 3056 note) is amended
14 by striking section 4 and inserting the following:

15 **“SEC. 4. NOTIFICATION REGARDING EXPENDITURES ON**
16 **NON-GOVERNMENTAL PROPERTIES.**

17 “The Secret Service shall notify the Committees on
18 Appropriations of the House and Senate of any expendi-
19 tures for permanent facilities, equipment, and services to
20 secure any non-Governmental property in addition to the
21 one non-Governmental property designated by each
22 protectee under subsection (a) or (b) of section 3.”.

23 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The Presidential
24 Protection Assistance Act of 1976 (18 U.S.C. 3056 note),
25 as amended by this Act, is further amended—

1 (1) in section 3(b), by striking “any expendi-
2 tures by the Secret Service” and all that follows
3 through “imposed under section 4” and inserting
4 “any expenditures by the Secret Service for perma-
5 nent facilities, equipment, and services to secure the
6 non-Governmental property previously designated
7 under subsection (a) are subject to the requirements
8 set forth in section 4”; and

9 (2) in section 5(c), by striking “within the limi-
10 tations imposed under section 4”.

11 **SEC. 12. ESTABLISHMENT OF ETHICS PROGRAM OFFICE.**

12 Subject to the oversight of the Office of Chief Counsel
13 of the United States Secret Service, the Director of the
14 Secret Service shall establish an Ethics Program Office,
15 consisting of a minimum of 2 employees, to administer the
16 provisions of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, as
17 amended, and to provide increased training to employees
18 of the United States Secret Service.

19 **SEC. 13. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

20 It is the sense of Congress that an assessment made
21 by the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Director
22 of the Secret Service with regard to physical security of
23 the White House and attendant grounds, and any secu-
24 rity-related enhancements thereto should be accorded sub-
25 stantial deference by the National Capital Planning Com-

1 mission, the Commission of Fine Arts, and any other rel-
2 evant entities.