

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 8897, With an Amendment**

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

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 8897

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 19, 2026

Mr. MACKENZIE (for himself and Mrs. FOUSHEE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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## A BILL

To improve travel for American families, and for other purposes.

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 “Improving Travel for  
5 American Families Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. IMPROVING TRAVEL FOR AMERICAN FAMILIES**  
7 **PILOT PROGRAM.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Trans-  
9 portation Security Administration (in this section referred

1 to as the “Administrator”), may establish a pilot program  
2 at airports to expedite access to security screening for  
3 adult passengers and accompanying child passengers  
4 twelve years of age and under to support and facilitate  
5 the ease of travel for such passengers and such child pas-  
6 sengers. The Administrator may carry out this subsection  
7 only such access does not compromise security protocols.

8 (b) SECURITY REQUIREMENTS.—If the Adminis-  
9 trator establishes the pilot program under subsection (a),  
10 the Administrator shall carry out the following:

11 (1) Ensure each passenger described in such  
12 subsection is screened in accordance with the vetting  
13 status of such passenger under the Secure Flight  
14 program of the Transportation Security Administra-  
15 tion, in accordance with paragraph (2) of section  
16 44903(j) of title 49, United States Code.

17 (2) Prevent individuals carrying out screening  
18 functions under section 44901 of such title from al-  
19 lowing any passenger into a TSA PreCheck or other  
20 expedited security screening lane unless such pas-  
21 senger has received a boarding pass indicating eligi-  
22 bility for TSA PreCheck or such other expedited se-  
23 curity screening.

24 (3) Permit local Administration management to  
25 open or close checkpoint lanes and reallocate avail-

1       able resources as needed to maximize security effec-  
2       tiveness and efficiency based on passenger volume.

3       (c) SELECTION OF AIRPORTS.—If the Administrator  
4       establishes the pilot program under subsection (a), in se-  
5       lecting airports for such pilot program, the Administrator  
6       shall—

7               (1) give priority to an airport the Administrator  
8       determines to have a high volume of passengers  
9       traveling with accompanying child passengers;

10              (2) consider airports with adequate space to ac-  
11       commodate additional or larger security screening  
12       lanes and sufficient personnel to aid passengers and  
13       accompanying child passengers twelve years of age  
14       and under while maintaining adequate staffing of  
15       other security screening lanes; and

16              (3) use any other consideration the Adminis-  
17       trator determines necessary.

18       (d) BRIEFING.—If the Administrator establishes the  
19       pilot program under subsection (a), not later than 270  
20       days after such establishment, the Administrator shall  
21       provide to the Committee on Homeland Security of the  
22       House of Representatives and the Committee on Home-  
23       land Security and Governmental Affairs and the Com-  
24       mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the  
25       Senate a briefing on such pilot program.

1           (e) SUNSET.—If the Administrator establishes the  
2 pilot program under subsection (a), the Administrator  
3 shall carry out such pilot program for a period of two  
4 years.