

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H. R. 4653, With an
Amendment**

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

113TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 4653

To reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious
Freedom, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 9, 2014

Mr. WOLF introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To reauthorize the United States Commission on
International Religious Freedom, 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 “United States Commis-
5 sion on International Religious Freedom Reauthorization
6 Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 201 of
3 the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22
4 U.S.C. 6431) is amended by inserting before the period
5 at the end the following: “, which shall be an independent
6 Federal Government advisory body”.

7 (b) SELECTION.—Subparagraph (A) of section
8 201(b)(2) of the International Religious Freedom Act of
9 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431(b)(2)) is amended by inserting at
10 the end the following new sentence: “The Commission as
11 a whole shall also have expertise on the variety of faiths
12 practiced around the world.”.

13 (c) MEMBERSHIP.—Subsection (b)(3) of section 201
14 of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22
15 U.S.C. 6431) is amended by striking “The appointments
16 required by paragraph (1) shall be made not later than
17 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.”
18 and inserting the following: “An appointment required by
19 subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) should be made within
20 90 days of a vacancy on the Commission.”.

21 (d) VACANCIES.—Subsection (g) of section 201 of the
22 International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C.
23 6431) is amended by striking the second sentence.

24 **SEC. 3. TRAINING FOR FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS.**

25 Subsection (a) of section 708 of the Foreign Service
26 Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4028) is amended—

1 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),

2 (A) by striking “and the director” and in-
3 serting “the director”; and

4 (B) inserting “and members of the United
5 States Commission on International Religious
6 Freedom,” after “Training Center,”; and

7 (2) in paragraph (2)—

8 (A) by striking “and the various” and in-
9 serting “the various”; and

10 (B) by inserting “, the relationship be-
11 tween religious freedom and security, and the
12 role of religious freedom in United States for-
13 eign policy” after “violations of religious free-
14 dom”.

15 **SEC. 4. COMMISSION PERSONNEL MATTERS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 204 of
17 the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22
18 U.S.C. 6432b) is amended in the second sentence, by in-
19 serting “voting” after “nine”.

20 (b) COMPENSATION.—Subsection (b) of section 204
21 of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22
22 U.S.C. 6432b) is amended by inserting “voting members
23 of the” after “The”.

24 (c) SECURITY CLEARANCES.—Subsection (e) of sec-
25 tion 204 of the International Religious Freedom Act of

1 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6432b) is amended by adding at the end
2 the following new sentence: “The Department of State is
3 encouraged to allow Commissioners and Commission staff
4 with the appropriate security clearance access to classified
5 information, in order to fulfill the duties and responsibil-
6 ities of their positions.”.

7 (d) APPLICATION OF ANTIDISCRIMINATION LAWS.—
8 Subsection (g) of section 204 of the International Reli-
9 gious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6432b) is amended
10 by inserting “, including discrimination on the basis of re-
11 ligious freedom” after “employment discrimination”.

12 **SEC. 5. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT AND DISCLOSURE.**

13 Paragraph (2) of section 208(d)(2) of the Inter-
14 national Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C.
15 6435a(d)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
16 lowing new subparagraph:

17 “(H) Intern, fellowship, and volunteer pro-
18 grams that are primarily of educational benefit
19 to the intern, fellow, or volunteer. Sponsoring
20 private parties may provide compensation and
21 benefits to interns, fellows, and volunteers, pro-
22 vided that no conflict of interest arises. The
23 number, duration, and funding source of any
24 such internship, fellowship, or volunteer pro-

1 grams shall be described in the annual financial
2 report required by subsection (e).”.

3 **SEC. 6. EXTENSION AND TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.**

4 The International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 is
5 amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a) of section 207 (22 U.S.C.
7 6435), by striking “2014” and inserting “2019”;
8 and

9 (2) in section 209 (22 U.S.C. 6436), by striking
10 “September 30, 2014” and inserting “September
11 30, 2019”.