

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 8368, With an Amendment

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

118TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 8368

To establish a Coordinator for Afghan Relocation Efforts in the Department of State, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 10, 2024

Ms. TITUS (for herself, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. CROW, and Mr. STANTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To establish a Coordinator for Afghan Relocation Efforts in the Department of State, 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 “Coordinator for Af-
5 ghan Relocation Efforts Authorization Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF COORDINATOR.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of State shall
3 appoint a Coordinator for Afghan Relocation Efforts
4 (“Coordinator”), who shall be responsible for—

5 (1) relocating and resettling eligible Afghan al-
6 lies and facilitating the departure of United States
7 citizens and lawful permanent residents who request
8 United States assistance to leave Afghanistan, ex-
9 cept that the Coordinator shall prioritize the facilita-
10 tion of such departures before the relocation or re-
11 settlement of allies; and

12 (2) working with other offices of the Depart-
13 ment of State, as well as with appropriate counter-
14 parts at other Federal departments and agencies, to
15 ensure integrated United States support for such re-
16 location efforts.

17 (b) AUTHORITIES.—The Coordinator is authorized—

18 (1) to enter into personal services contracts for
19 a period ending not later than the date described in
20 section 3;

21 (2) to extend and maintain through such date
22 personal services contracts entered into pursuant to
23 the authority provided by section 2401 of the Af-
24 ghanistan Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022
25 (Public Law 117–43);

1 (3) to hire temporary personnel who are United
2 States citizens, except that to the extent possible the
3 Coordinator should use Foreign Service limited ap-
4 pointments to fill such positions both in the United
5 States and abroad in accordance with section 309 of
6 the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 3949);
7 and

8 (4) subject to the availability of appropria-
9 tions—

10 (A) to accept, in the form of reimburse-
11 ment or transfer, amounts from other Federal
12 departments or agencies as appropriate to carry
13 out the duties described in subsection (a); and

14 (B) to reimburse such other departments
15 or agencies as the Coordinator may determine
16 appropriate to carry out such duties.

17 (c) DETAILEES AND ASSIGNEES.—Any Federal Gov-
18 ernment employee may be detailed or assigned to the Of-
19 fice of the Coordinator, with or without reimbursement,
20 consistent with applicable laws and regulations regarding
21 such employee, and such detail or assignment shall be
22 without interruption or loss of status or privilege.

23 (d) NOTIFICATION WITH RESPECT TO TRANSFERS
24 OF FUNDS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Coordinator shall notify
2 the appropriate congressional committees of each
3 use of the transfer authority made available under
4 subsection (b)(4)(A) not later than 15 days before
5 the completion of such transfer.

6 (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
7 TEES.—In this subsection, the term “appropriate
8 congressional committees” means—

9 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and
10 the Committee on Appropriations of the House
11 of Representatives; and

12 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations
13 and the Committee on Appropriations of the
14 Senate.

15 **SEC. 3. SUNSET.**

16 This Act and the authorities provided by this Act
17 shall terminate on the date that is 3 years after the date
18 of the enactment of this Act.