

Union Calendar No. 307

106TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 371

[Report No. 106-563]

To expedite the naturalization of aliens who served with special guerrilla units in Laos.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 19, 1999

Mr. VENTO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

APRIL 6, 2000

Additional sponsors: Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. WEYGAND, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. OLVER, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. MINGE, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Ms. WATERS, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Ms. LEE, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. FROST, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. KIND of Wisconsin, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. LUTHER, Mr. HERGER, Mr. POMBO, Mr. PETRI, Mrs. CAPPS, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. HORN, Mr. SABO, Mr. CONYERS, Mrs. MYRICK, Mrs. BONO, Mr. BARCIA, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. INSLEE, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. SWEENEY, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. LEACH, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. OBEY, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. KOLBE, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. RAHALL, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. McNULTY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. PITTS, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. FORBES, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, Mr. WOLF, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr.

SHAYS, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. TALENT, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. ROGAN, Mr. HYDE, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. NADLER, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. WEINER, and Mr. KUYKENDALL

APRIL 6, 2000

Reported with amendments, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 19, 1999]

A BILL

To expedite the naturalization of aliens who served with special guerrilla units in Laos.

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 “Hmong Veterans’ Natu-*
 5 *ralization Act of 2000”.*

6 **SEC. 2. EXEMPTION FROM ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIRE-**
 7 **MENT FOR CERTAIN ALIENS WHO SERVED**
 8 **WITH SPECIAL GUERRILLA UNITS OR IRREG-**
 9 **ULAR FORCES IN LAOS.**

10 *The requirement of paragraph (1) of section 312(a) of*
 11 *the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1423(a)(1))*
 12 *shall not apply to the naturalization of any person—*

13 *(1) who—*

14 *(A) was admitted into the United States as*
 15 *a refugee from Laos pursuant to section 207 of*

1 *the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.*
2 *1157); and*

3 *(B) served with a special guerrilla unit, or*
4 *irregular forces, operating from a base in Laos*
5 *in support of the United States military at any*
6 *time during the period beginning February 28,*
7 *1961, and ending September 18, 1978; or*

8 *(2) who—*

9 *(A) satisfies the requirement of paragraph*
10 *(1)(A); and*

11 *(B) was the spouse of a person described in*
12 *paragraph (1) on the day on which such de-*
13 *scribed person applied for admission into the*
14 *United States as a refugee.*

15 **SEC. 3. SPECIAL CONSIDERATION CONCERNING CIVICS RE-**
16 **QUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN ALIENS WHO**
17 **SERVED WITH SPECIAL GUERRILLA UNITS OR**
18 **IRREGULAR FORCES IN LAOS.**

19 *The Attorney General shall provide for special consid-*
20 *eration, as determined by the Attorney General, concerning*
21 *the requirement of paragraph (2) of section 312(a) of the*
22 *Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1423(a)(2))*
23 *with respect to the naturalization of any person described*
24 *in paragraph (1) or (2) of section 2 of this Act.*

1 **SEC. 4. DOCUMENTATION OF QUALIFYING SERVICE.**

2 *A person seeking an exemption under section 2 or spe-*
3 *cial consideration under section 3 shall submit to the Attor-*
4 *ney General documentation of their, or their spouse's, serv-*
5 *ice with a special guerrilla unit, or irregular forces, de-*
6 *scribed in section 2(1)(B), in the form of—*

7 *(1) original documents;*

8 *(2) an affidavit of the serving person's superior*
9 *officer;*

10 *(3) two affidavits from other individuals who*
11 *also were serving with such a special guerrilla unit,*
12 *or irregular forces, and who personally knew of the*
13 *person's service; or*

14 *(4) other appropriate proof.*

15 **SEC. 5. DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EXEMPTION**
16 **AND SPECIAL CONSIDERATION.**

17 *In determining a person's eligibility for an exemption*
18 *under section 2 or special consideration under section 3,*
19 *the Attorney General—*

20 *(1) shall review the refugee processing docu-*
21 *mentation for the person, or, in an appropriate case,*
22 *for the person and the person's spouse, to verify that*
23 *the requirements of section 2 relating to refugee appli-*
24 *cations and admissions have been satisfied;*

25 *(2) shall consider the documentation submitted*
26 *by the person under section 4;*

Union Calendar No. 307

106TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 371

[Report No. 106-563]

A BILL

To expedite the naturalization of aliens who served
with special guerrilla units in Laos.

APRIL 6, 2000

Reported with amendments, committed to the Committee
of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and
ordered to be printed