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- PL87-985, an act to facilitate the entry of alien skilled specialists and certain relatives of U.S. citizens. The act sought to meet an urgent economic need for additional skilled and professional workers, as well as to help aliens join their family units of close relatives in the U.S., that the Nation might be strengthened by the "love and gratitude of those who are reunited in freedom."
- PL109-307, the Secure Fence Act of 2006. This act sought to increase operational control over international land and maritime borders of the U.S. in response to fears about crime and drug trafficking perceived as attributable to illegal aliens.

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CITATION CHECKER:

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PL80-552 82 Stat. 237 90 H.R. 5037

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FEATURED LAW

PL107-56, the USA PATRIOT ACT OF 2001.



On Oct. 26, 2001, Congress enacted PL107-56, to deter and punish terrorist acts in the United States and around the world, to enhance law enforcement investigatory tools, and for other purposes. This law was enacted swiftly following the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, but the history of the law does not begin with the 9/11 event. Many of the enacted provisions had already been under consideration for a number of years.

During the legislative process that led up to the enactment of the law, bills were introduced, House and Senate Committee hearings were held and reports were issued, and action on the floor of the House and Senate was captured in the pages of the Congressional Record. Click on PL107-56 to bring back the legislative history record that will allow you to search the full text of all the documentation.

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Eighty-First Congress

Jan. 3, 1949-Jan. 2, 1951

Second Administration of Harry S. Truman

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President Harry S. Truman

Historical Background

President Truman, on January 5, 1949, appeared before Congress to deliver his fourth State of the Union Message and to urge a sweeping new "Fair Deal" program of social reform. He spoke about the type of society that the American people wanted to create, saying that they had "rejected the discredited theory that the fortunes of the Nation should be in the hands of the privileged few" and that they had "abandoned the trickle-down concept of national prosperity." The American people, he said, believed that poverty was just as wasteful and preventable as disease and that no unfair prejudice should bar any American from education, good health, or any job which the individual was capable of performing.

Subsequently, Truman signed the Housing Act of July 1949, providing for the development of a long-range expanded Federal housing, slum clearance, and farm improvement programs, "with deep satisfaction." The Administration also scored important victories with passage of the October 1949 minimum wage increase and the Social Security Expansion Act of August 1950.

House	Senate
Majority Party: Democrat (263 seats)	Majority Party: Democrat (54 seats)
Minority Party: Minority Party: Republican (171 seats)	Minority Party: Minority Party: Republican (42 seats)
Other Parties: American Labor (1 seat)	Other Parties: Other Parties: American Labor (0)
Speaker of the House: Sam Rayburn	Speaker of the Senate: Scott W. Lucas

Historical-context fact sheets add background and perspective.

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- Full-text searchable PDFs of CRS reports and other background materials
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At the White House, members of Congress watched as President Truman signed the Legislative Reorganization Act on August 2, 1946.

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