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H. R. 2541

To enhance the authorities of special agents and provide limited authorities to uniformed officers responsible for the protection of domestic Department of State occupied facilities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HYDE (for himself and Mr. LANTOS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

A BILL

To enhance the authorities of special agents and provide limited authorities to uniformed officers responsible for the protection of domestic Department of State occupied facilities.

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. SPECIAL AGENT AUTHORITIES.**

4 (a) GENERAL AUTHORITY OF SPECIAL AGENTS.—
5 Section 37(a) of the State Department Basic Authorities
6 Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2709(a)) is amended—

7 (1) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the
8 following:

1 “(2) in the course of performing the functions
2 set forth in paragraphs (1) and (3), obtain and exe-
3 cute search and arrest warrants, as well as obtain
4 and serve subpoenas and summonses, issued under
5 the authority of the United States;”;

6 (2) in paragraph (3)(F) by inserting “or Presi-
7 dent-elect” after “President”; and

8 (3) by striking paragraph (5) and inserting the
9 following:

10 “(5) in the course of performing the functions
11 set forth in paragraphs (1) and (3), make arrests
12 without warrant for any offense against the United
13 States committed in the presence of the special
14 agent, or for any felony cognizable under the laws
15 of the United States if the special agent has reason-
16 able grounds to believe that the person to be ar-
17 rested has committed or is committing such felony.”.

18 (b) CRIMES.—Section 37 of such Act (22 U.S.C.
19 2709) is amended by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
20 lowing new subsections:

21 “(d) INTERFERENCE WITH AGENTS.—Whoever
22 knowingly and willfully obstructs, resists, or interferes
23 with a Federal law enforcement agent engaged in the per-
24 formance of the protective functions authorized by this

1 section shall be fined under title 18 or imprisoned not
2 more than one year, or both.

3 “(e) PERSONS UNDER PROTECTION OF SPECIAL
4 AGENTS.—Whoever engages in any conduct—

5 “(1) directed against an individual entitled to
6 protection under this section, and

7 “(2) which would constitute a violation of sec-
8 tion 112 or 878 of title 18, United States Code, if
9 such individual were a foreign official, an official
10 guest, or an internationally protected person,

11 shall be subject to the same penalties as are provided for
12 such conduct directed against an individual subject to pro-
13 tection under such section of title 18.”

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