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H. R. 4517

To prohibit international travel by the Secretary of State until all passport agencies are fully reopened, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 19, 2021

Mr. GOODEN of Texas (for himself, Mr. BABIN, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. CALVERT, and Mr. WEBER of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To prohibit international travel by the Secretary of State until all passport agencies are fully reopened, 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. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TRAVEL AND RE-**
4 **PORT RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE**
5 **PASSPORT PROCESSING.**

6 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no Fed-
7 eral funds may be obligated or expended for the travel ex-
8 penses of the Secretary of State to travel outside of the

1 United States until each of the following conditions are
2 satisfied:

3 (1) All passport agencies are fully reopened.

4 (2) Routine passport service takes less than
5 eight weeks, and expedited passport service takes
6 less than six weeks.

7 (3) Submits to the Committee on Foreign Af-
8 fairs of the House of Representatives and the Com-
9 mittee on Foreign Relations of the Senate a report
10 that includes recommendations to improve passport
11 services and processing times, including information
12 relating to Department of Treasury-operated
13 Citibank lockboxes, modernizing passport processing,
14 and Department of State guidelines and protocols
15 related to the Department's Diplomacy Strong
16 framework operations.

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