

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. _____

To encourage and facilitate international participation in the performing arts
and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) introduced the following bill; which
was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To encourage and facilitate international participation in the
performing arts 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 “Arts Require Timely
5 Service Act of 2016” or the “ARTS Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION IN THE PER-**
7 **FORMING ARTS.**

8 Section 214(c)(6)(D) of the Immigration and Nation-
9 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(c)(6)(D)) is amended—

1 (1) in the first sentence, by inserting “(i)” be-
2 fore “Any person”;

3 (2) in the second sentence—

4 (A) by striking “Once” and inserting “Ex-
5 cept as provided in clause (ii), once”; and

6 (B) by striking “Attorney General shall”
7 and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security
8 shall”;

9 (3) in the third sentence, by striking “The At-
10 torney General” and inserting “The Secretary”; and

11 (4) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(ii) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall adju-
13 dicate each petition for an alien with extraordinary ability
14 in the arts (as described in section 101(a)(15)(O)(i)), an
15 alien accompanying such an alien (as described in section
16 101(a)(15)(O)(ii)), or an alien described in section
17 101(a)(15)(P) (other than an alien described in paragraph
18 (4)(A) (relating to athletes)) not later than 14 days
19 after—

20 “(I) the date on which the petitioner submits
21 the petition with a written advisory opinion, letter of
22 no objection, or request for a waiver; or

23 “(II) the date on which the 15-day period de-
24 scribed in clause (i) has expired, if the petitioner has

1 had an appropriate opportunity to supply rebuttal
2 evidence.

3 “(iii) If a petition described in clause (ii) is not adju-
4 dicated by the end of the 14-day period described in clause
5 (ii) and the petitioner is an arts organization described
6 in paragraph (3), (5), or (6) of section 501(c) of the Inter-
7 nal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under
8 section 501(a) of such Code for the taxable year preceding
9 the calendar year in which the petition is submitted, or
10 an individual or entity petitioning primarily on behalf of
11 such an organization, the Secretary of Homeland Security
12 shall provide the petitioner with the premium processing
13 services referred to in section 286(u), without a fee.”.