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To effect a moratorium on immigration.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TANCREDO (for himself, Mr. STUMP, and Mr. NORWOOD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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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 “Mass Immigration Re-  
5 duction Act of 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. IMMIGRATION MORATORIUM DEFINED.**

7 As used in this Act, the term “immigration morato-  
8 rium” means the period beginning on October 1, 2002,  
9 and ending on September 30 of the first fiscal year after  
10 fiscal year 2007 during which the President submits a re-  
11 port to Congress, which is approved by a joint resolution  
12 of Congress, that the flow of illegal immigration has been

1 reduced to less than 10,000 aliens per year and that any  
2 increase in legal immigration resulting from termination  
3 of the immigration moratorium would have no adverse im-  
4 pact on the wages and working conditions of United States  
5 citizens, the achievement or maintenance of Federal envi-  
6 ronmental quality standards, or the capacity of public  
7 schools, public hospitals, and other public facilities to  
8 serve the resident population in those localities where im-  
9 migrants are likely to settle.

10 **SEC. 3. WORLDWIDE LEVELS OF IMMIGRATION.**

11 Notwithstanding section 201 of the Immigration and  
12 Nationality Act, during the immigration moratorium  
13 under section 2 in lieu of the worldwide levels of immigra-  
14 tion under section 201 of such Act—

15 (1) the worldwide level of family-sponsored im-  
16 migrants under section 201(c) of such Act is zero;

17 (2) the worldwide level of employment-based  
18 immigrants under section 201(d) of such Act is  
19 5,000; and

20 (3) the worldwide level of diversity immigrants  
21 under section 201(e) of such Act is zero.

22 **SEC. 4. ALLOTMENT OF VISAS.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 203 of  
24 the Immigration and Nationality Act, during the immigra-  
25 tion moratorium under section 2, in lieu of the number

1 of visas that may be allotted under section 203 of such  
2 Act—

3 (1) the number of visas that shall be allotted to  
4 family-sponsored immigrants under section 203(a) of  
5 such Act shall be zero;

6 (2) the number of visas that shall be allotted in  
7 any fiscal year to priority workers under section  
8 203(b)(1) of such Act shall not exceed the worldwide  
9 level of employment-based immigrants for that fiscal  
10 year, and the number of visas that shall be allotted  
11 to other aliens subject to the worldwide level for em-  
12 ployment-based immigrants shall be zero; and

13 (3) the number of visas that shall be allotted to  
14 diversity immigrants under section 203(e) of such  
15 Act shall be zero.

16 (b) LIMITATION ON SPONSORSHIP BY CERTAIN  
17 ALIENS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
18 during the immigration moratorium, no visa may be allot-  
19 ted to any immigrant on the basis of a petition by an indi-  
20 vidual who has filed an application under section 210 or  
21 245A of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

22 **SEC. 5. GRANTING IMMIGRANT STATUS.**

23 During the immigration moratorium under section 2,  
24 the Attorney General may not approve any petition for  
25 classification under section 204 of the Immigration and

1 Nationality Act except for classification by reason of a  
2 family relationship described in section 201(b)(2) of such  
3 Act or priority worker status under section 203(b)(1) of  
4 such Act. Petitions that may not be approved during the  
5 moratorium shall be returned to the persons who filed the  
6 petitions.

7 **SEC. 6. ANNUAL ADMISSION OF REFUGEES.**

8 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, during  
9 the immigration moratorium under section 2 the number  
10 of refugees who may be admitted under section 207 of  
11 such Act, including the number of admissions made avail-  
12 able to adjust to the status of permanent residence the  
13 status of aliens granted asylum under section 209(b) of  
14 such Act, shall not exceed 25,000 in any fiscal year.

15 **SEC. 7. IMMEDIATE RELATIVES DEFINED.**

16 During the immigration moratorium, the term “im-  
17 mediate relatives” for purposes of section 201(b) of the  
18 Immigration and Nationality Act means the children and  
19 spouse of a citizen of the United States.

20 **SEC. 8. RENUNCIATION OF OTHER CITIZENSHIP FOR NATU-  
21 RALIZATION.**

22 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, during  
23 the immigration moratorium under section 2, in addition  
24 to other applicable requirements under the Immigration  
25 and Nationality Act an alien may only be naturalized as

- 1 a citizen of the United States if the alien renounces any
- 2 nationality or citizenship of any other country.

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