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To effect a moratorium on immigration by aliens other than refugees, priority workers, and the spouses and children of United States citizens.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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 “Immigration Morato-
5 rium Act of 1997”.

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, 1997,
9 and ending on September 30 of the first fiscal year after

1 fiscal year 2002 during which the President submits a re-
2 port to Congress, which is approved by a joint resolution
3 of Congress, that the flow of illegal immigration has been
4 reduced to less than 10,000 aliens per year and that any
5 increase in legal immigration resulting from termination
6 of the immigration moratorium would have no adverse im-
7 pact on the wages and working conditions of United States
8 citizens, the achievement or maintenance of Federal envi-
9 ronmental quality standards, or the capacity of public
10 schools, public hospitals, and other public facilities to
11 serve the resident population in those localities where im-
12 migrants are likely to settle.

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

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

18 (1) the worldwide level of family-sponsored im-
19 migrants under section 201(c) of such Act is 10,000;

20 (2) the worldwide level of employment-based
21 immigrants under section 201(d) of such Act is
22 5,000; and

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

1 **SEC. 4. ALLOTMENT OF VISAS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 203 of
3 the Immigration and Nationality Act, during the immigra-
4 tion moratorium under section 2, in lieu of the number
5 of visas that may be allotted under section 203 of such
6 Act—

7 (1) the number of visas that shall be allotted to
8 family-sponsored immigrants under section 203(a) of
9 such Act shall be 10,000 for qualified immigrants
10 under section 203(a)(2)(A) of such Act and zero for
11 other family-sponsored immigrants;

12 (2) the number of visas that shall be allotted in
13 any fiscal year to priority workers under section
14 203(b)(1) of such Act shall not exceed the worldwide
15 level of employment-based immigrants for that fiscal
16 year, and the number of visas that shall be allotted
17 to other aliens subject to the worldwide level for em-
18 ployment-based immigrants shall be zero; and

19 (3) the number of visas that shall be allotted to
20 diversity immigrants under section 203(c) of such
21 Act shall be zero.

22 (b) LIMITATION ON SPONSORSHIP BY CERTAIN
23 ALIENS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no
24 visa may be allotted to any immigrant on the basis of a
25 petition by an individual who has filed an application

1 under section 210 or 245A of the Immigration and Na-
2 tionality Act.

3 **SEC. 5. GRANTING IMMIGRANT STATUS.**

4 During the immigration moratorium under section 2,
5 the Attorney General may not approve any petition for
6 classification under section 204 of the Immigration and
7 Nationality Act except for classification by reason of a
8 family relationship described in section 201(b)(2) of such
9 Act or priority worker status under section 203(b)(1) of
10 such Act. Petitions that may not be approved during the
11 moratorium shall be returned to the persons who filed the
12 petitions.

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

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

21 **SEC. 7. IMMEDIATE RELATIVES DEFINED.**

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

1 **SEC. 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 This Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

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