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H. R. 4494

To provide for the waiver of certain grounds of inadmissibility related to political activity in Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland for aliens married to United States citizens.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 6, 1998

Mr. PAYNE 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 “Northern Ireland
5 Peace and Reconciliation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. WAIVER OF CERTAIN GROUNDS OF INADMISSIBIL-**
2 **ITY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), the At-
4 torney General or the Secretary of State may not apply
5 paragraph (2)(A)(i)(I), (2)(B), or (3)(B) of section 212(a)
6 of the Immigration and Nationality Act so as to render
7 inadmissible or deportable any alien who is the spouse of
8 a citizen of the United States, based upon the alien’s hav-
9 ing engaged, on or before the date of the enactment of
10 this Act, in criminal conduct in Northern Ireland or the
11 Republic of Ireland, if—

12 (1) on the date the conduct occurred, the alien
13 was a member of the Irish Republican Army, the Ul-
14 ster Volunteer Force, or the Ulster Freedom Fight-
15 ers; and

16 (2) the conduct was undertaken in the alien’s
17 capacity as a member of such group and for a politi-
18 cal purpose.

19 (b) EXCEPTION.—If the Attorney General or the Sec-
20 retary of State determines that the application of sub-
21 section (a) with respect to a particular alien would have
22 potentially serious adverse consequences for the national
23 security of the United States, the Attorney General or the
24 Secretary of State may decline to apply the subsection.

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