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To prohibit the application of the trade authorities procedures with respect to implementing bills that contain provisions regarding the entry of aliens.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 29 (legislative day, JULY 21), 2003

Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. KENNEDY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To prohibit the application of the trade authorities procedures with respect to implementing bills that contain provisions regarding the entry of aliens.

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 “Congressional Respon-
5 sibility for Immigration Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. LIMITATIONS ON TRADE AUTHORITIES PROCE-**
7 **DURES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
9 sion of law, section 2103(b)(3) of the Bipartisan Trade

1 Promotion Authority Act of 2002 (19 U.S.C. 3803(b)(3))
2 and the provisions of section 151 of the Trade Act of 1974
3 (19 U.S.C. 2191) (trade authorities procedures) shall not
4 apply to any bill implementing a trade agreement between
5 the United States and any other country, if the imple-
6 menting bill contains any provision relating to the immi-
7 gration laws of the United States or the entry of aliens.

8 (b) POINT OF ORDER IN SENATE.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—When the Senate is consid-
10 ering an implementing bill, upon a point of order
11 being made by any Senator against any part of the
12 implementing bill that contains material in violation
13 of subsection (a), and the point of order is sustained
14 by the Presiding Officer, the Senate shall cease con-
15 sideration of the implementing bill under the proce-
16 dures described in subsection (a).

17 (2) WAIVERS AND APPEALS.—

18 (A) WAIVERS.—Before the Presiding Offi-
19 cer rules on a point of order described in para-
20 graph (1), any Senator may move to waive the
21 point of order and the motion to waive shall not
22 be subject to amendment. A point of order de-
23 scribed in paragraph (1) is waived only by the
24 affirmative vote of a majority of the Members
25 of the Senate, duly chosen and sworn.

1 (B) APPEALS.—After the Presiding Officer
2 rules on a point of order under this paragraph,
3 any Senator may appeal the ruling of the Pre-
4 siding Officer on the point of order as it applies
5 to some or all of the provisions on which the
6 Presiding Officer ruled. A ruling of the Pre-
7 siding Officer on a point of order described in
8 paragraph (1) is sustained unless a majority of
9 the Members of the Senate, duly chosen and
10 sworn, vote not to sustain the ruling.

11 (C) DEBATE.—Debate on a motion to
12 waive under subparagraph (A) or on an appeal
13 of the ruling of the Presiding Officer under
14 subparagraph (B) shall be limited to 1 hour.
15 The time shall be equally divided between, and
16 controlled by, the Majority Leader and the Mi-
17 nority Leader of the Senate, or their designees.

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