

Calendar No. 766

108TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION**S. 2089**

To allow aliens who are eligible for diversity visas to be eligible beyond the fiscal year in which they applied.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 12, 2004

Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. MILLER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

OCTOBER 4, 2004

Reported by Mr. HATCH, without amendment

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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. DIVERSITY LOTTERY VISAS.**

4 (a) PROCEDURE FOR GRANTING IMMIGRANT STA-
5 TUS.—Section 204(a)(1)(I)(ii) of the Immigration and
6 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1154(a)(1)(I)(ii)) is amended
7 by striking subclause (II) and inserting the following:

1 “(II) An immigrant visa made available under section
2 203(e) may be issued, or adjustment of status under sec-
3 tion 245(a) based upon the availability of such visa may
4 be granted, to an eligible qualified alien who has properly
5 applied for such visa or adjustment of status in the fiscal
6 year for which the alien was selected, notwithstanding the
7 end of the fiscal year. Such visa or adjustment of status
8 shall be counted against the worldwide level set forth in
9 section 201(e) for the fiscal year for which the alien was
10 selected, except that with respect to applications properly
11 filed in 2003, such visa or adjustment of status shall not
12 be counted against the worldwide level set forth in section
13 201(e), and a visa shall be deemed to be available with
14 respect to such applications.”.

15 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-
16 section (a) shall apply to—

17 (1) immigrant visas made available for fiscal
18 year 2004 and each subsequent fiscal year; and

19 (2) immigrant visas made available for fiscal
20 years 1998 through 2003, provided that the denied
21 alien applicant, the Secretary of Homeland Security,
22 the Secretary of State, or the Attorney General
23 moves to reopen the alien’s case pursuant to proce-
24 dures or instructions which shall be provided by the
25 Secretary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of

1 State, or the Attorney General as may be appro-
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