

Whereas, traditional observance of Memorial Day has diminished over the years as many Americans have forgotten the meaning and traditions of Memorial Day and instead use that day to celebrate the beginning of summer; and

Whereas, to help re-educate and remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day, President George W. Bush signed the National Moment of Remembrance Act in 2000 (P.L. 106-579), designating 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day as the National Moment of Remembrance to encourage citizens to pause and remember our fallen soldiers; and

Whereas, to fully return the solemn spirit to Memorial Day, this nation should also return to the traditional day of observance of May 30 each year, regardless of the day of the week on which it falls; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the President and the Congress of the United States to enact bill S. 70 of 2007, which would designate the legal public holiday of Memorial Day as May 30, call for the flying of the flag at half-staff until noon that day and encourage Americans to observe Memorial Day as a day of ceremonies for showing respect for American veterans of wars and other military conflicts; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

POM-394. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Utah urging Congress to pass balanced immigration reform; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

Whereas, the economic relationship with Mexico, which shares our border, is vital to the United States because Mexico is the United States' second most important trading partner, the United States is Mexico's most important trading partner, and the U.S. is the largest source of direct foreign investment in Mexico;

Whereas, economic, historic, and cultural ties between the U.S. and Mexico are critical to many U.S. industries, including many in Utah;

Whereas, as a result of their shared borders and proximity to Mexico, western states, including Utah, suffer a disproportionate financial burden on health care, education, the environment, and criminal justice systems because of unauthorized immigration from Mexico, affecting the economy of the entire region;

Whereas, the economic impacts may be offset by allowing more legal and readily available foreign workers to enter the U.S.;

Whereas, seasonal industries, including agriculture and hospitality, historically and currently play a pivotal role in Utah's economy, and are heavily dependent upon a stable and reliable foreign labor pool; and

Whereas, current immigration law addresses neither documented U.S. labor shortages nor marketplace dynamics, and without a lawful avenue to provide seasonal employees, encourages continued unlawful immigration to the U.S. which continues to negatively impact the state's economy; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, express support for the development of a balanced national immigration policy with the overarching purpose of protecting and preserving the safety and interests of the United States and its citizens while recognizing the needs of Utah industries to have a stable and legal supply of workers quickly

available where there are no U.S. workers otherwise available; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature and the Governor urge Utah's congressional delegation to work with the United States Congress to ensure that any reform efforts focus primarily on enabling Utah's employers to hire a legal workforce sufficient to meet the needs of Utah industries to enhance the economic growth of the state's private sector; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature and the Governor urge Congress to reform the current systems for obtaining work visas and reduce the delay for legal immigration; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature and the Governor express their opposition to granting blanket amnesty to undocumented persons and urge that appropriate sanctions be a part of any solution; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature and the Governor recognize that addressing the status of millions of undocumented persons currently present in the U.S. is a complex issue; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature and the Governor urge that in passing immigration reform Congress not inadvertently create unnecessary hurdles and lengthy delays for those who wish to legally hire non-U.S. workers; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature and the Governor urge that in passing immigration reform Congress not inadvertently create incentives for additional illegal immigration by creating unnecessary hurdles and lengthy delays for those who wish to immigrate legally for work or citizenship; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature and the Governor urge Congress to reform the Foreign Worker Visa system as part of any immigration reform; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature and the Governor urge Congress to eliminate current visa backlogs and prevent future backlogs to help meet Utah workforce demands; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature and the Governor recommend that these tasks can be accomplished by:

(1) dramatically increasing the annual immigrant visa caps, including the limits on H-1B and H-2B visas, particularly in the industries requiring highly trained and educated workers and seasonal hospitality operations;

(2) streamlining the processing of H-2A visas to create a more workable system to enable agricultural employers to hire needed foreign workers for seasonal jobs;

(3) maintaining the L-1 visa program; and

(4) expediting work authorization for foreign nationals who complete University-level degrees in U.S. institutions to ensure that the benefits of the educational investment the nation has made in these individuals remains in the U.S.; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature and the Governor urge Congress to ensure the enforcement of current federal employer sanctions for knowingly hiring undocumented labor, which requires the federal government to adopt a secure, reliable, and fast employment verification system accessible to employers electronically 24 hours a day; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the United States Department of Homeland Security, and to the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. DODD):

S. 3141. A bill to provide for nondiscrimination by eligible lenders in the Federal Family Education Loan Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. OBAMA):

S. 3142. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance public health activities related to stillbirth and sudden unexpected infant death; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mrs. DOLE):

S. 3143. A bill to assist law enforcement agencies in locating, arresting, and prosecuting fugitives from justice; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. CASEY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BURR, Mr. DODD, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. HATCH, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 3144. A bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to delay and reform the Medicare competitive acquisition program for purchase of durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1117

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1117, a bill to establish a grant program to provide vision care to children, and for other purposes.

S. 1120

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1120, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants for the training of graduate medical residents in preventive medicine and public health.

S. 1232

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1232, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, to develop a voluntary policy for managing the risk of food allergy and anaphylaxis in schools, to establish school-based food allergy management grants, and for other purposes.

S. 1418

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1418, a bill to provide assistance to improve the health of newborns, children, and mothers in developing countries, and for other purposes.