

This legislative proposal would delay the effect of IIRIRA's new provisions so that immigration cases pending before April 1, 1997, will continue to be considered and decided under the old suspension of deportation rules as they existed prior to that date. IIRIRA'S new cancellation of removal rules would generally apply to cases commenced on or after April 1, 1997. This proposal dictates no particular outcome of any case. Every application for suspension of deportation or cancellation of removal must still be considered on a case-by-case basis. The proposal simply restores a fair opportunity to those whose cases have long been in the system or have other demonstrable equities.

In addition to continuing to apply the old standards to old cases, this legislative proposal would exempt such cases from IIRIRA's annual cap of 4,000 cancellations of removal. It would also exempt from the cap cases of battered spouses and children who otherwise receive such cancellation.

The proposal also guarantees that the cancellation of removal proceedings of certain individuals covered by the 1990 ABC litigation settlement and certain other Central Americans with long-pending asylum claims will be governed by the pre-IIRIRA substantive standard of 7 years continuous physical presence and extreme hardship. It would further exempt those same individuals from IIRIRA's cap. Finally, individuals affected by the legislation whose time has lapsed for reopening their cases following a removal order would be granted 180 days in which to do so.

My Administration is committed to working with the Congress to enact this legislation. If, however, we are unsuccessful in this goal, I am prepared to examine any available administrative options for granting relief to this class of immigrants. These options could include a grant of Deferred Enforced Departure for certain classes of individuals who would qualify for relief from deportation under this legislative proposal. Prompt legislative action on my proposal would ensure a smooth transition to the full implementation of IIRIRA and prevent harsh and avoidable results.

I urge the Congress to give this legislative proposal prompt and favorable consideration.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON,

THE WHITE HOUSE, July 24, 1997.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:01 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2169. An act making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following measure was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2169. An act making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-2591. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury (Legislative Affairs and Public Liaison), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Chairman of the National Advisory Council on International Monetary and Financial Policies for fiscal year 1992; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2592. A communication from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of the Pension Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Disclosure of Premium-Related Information" (RIN1212-AA66) received on July 22, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2593. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, U.S. Nuclear, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule received on July 21, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2594. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, eleven rules received on July 22, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2595. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving exports to Brazil; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2596. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report under the Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1978; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2597. A communication from the Secretary of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Phase Two Recommendations of Task Force on Disclosure Simplification" (RIN3235-AG80, 33-7431) received on July 21, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 1998" (Rept. No. 105-57)

By Mr. SPECTER, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1061. An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and re-

lated agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-58).

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 1000. A bill to designate the United States courthouse at 500 State Avenue in Kansas City, Kansas, as the "Robert J. Dole United States Courthouse".

S. 1043. A bill to designate the United States courthouse under construction at the corner of Las Vegas Boulevard and Clark Avenue in Las Vegas, Nevada, as the "Lloyd D. George United States Courthouse".

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted on July 23, 1997:

By Mr. THURMOND, from the Committee on Armed Services:

The following-named officer for appointment in the U.S. Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. John N. Abrams, 0000.

Maj. Gen. Roger G. Thompson, Jr., 0000.

Maj. Gen. Michael S. Davison, Jr., 0000.

The following-named officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, United States Code, section 12203:

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (1h) Thomas J. Hill, 0000.

Rear Adm. (1h) Douglas L. Johnson, 0000.

Rear Adm. (1h) Jan H. Nyboer, 0000.

Rear Adm. (1h) Paul V. Quinn, 0000.

The following-named officers for appointment in the U.S. Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, United States Code, section 624:

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (1h) John A. Gauss, 0000.

The following Air Force National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force, to the grade indicated, under title 10, United States Code, section 12203:

To be brigadier general

Col. Tommy L. Daniels, 0000.

The following-named officer for appointment in the U.S. Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. William J. Begert, 0000.

Maj. Gen. Lance W. Lord, 0000.

The following-named officers for appointment as the Judge Advocate General* and the Assistant Judge Advocate General**, U.S. Army and for appointment to the grade indicated under title 10, United States Code, section 3037:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Walter B. Huffman, 0000*.

Brig. Gen. John D. Altenburg, Jr., 0000**.

The following-named officer for appointment in the U.S. Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Montgomery C. Meigs, 0000.

The following-named officers for appointment in the Regular Army to the grade indicated under title 10, United States Code, section 624: