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To rescind restrictions on welfare and public benefits for legal immigrants enacted by title IV of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, and to reduce arms transfer subsidies.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 1, 1997

Ms. FURSE (for herself, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. CLAY, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. WATERS, and Ms. WOOLSEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To rescind restrictions on welfare and public benefits for legal immigrants enacted by title IV of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, and to reduce arms transfer subsidies.

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 “Equity for Immigrants
5 Act”.

1 **TITLE I—TERMINATION OF PRO-**
2 **VISIONS OF PUBLIC LAW 104-**
3 **193 RESTRICTING WELFARE**
4 **AND PUBLIC BENEFITS FOR**
5 **LEGAL IMMIGRANTS**

6 **SEC 101. TERMINATION OF PROVISIONS OF PUBLIC LAW**
7 **104-193 RESTRICTING WELFARE AND PUBLIC**
8 **BENEFITS FOR LEGAL IMMIGRANTS.**

9 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, on Octo-
10 ber 1, 1998, the provisions of title IV of the Personal Re-
11 sponsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of
12 1996 (Public Law 104-193, as amended by the Balanced
13 Budget Act of 1997 (Public Law 105-33)) shall cease to
14 be effective, the amendments made by that title shall be
15 repealed, and any provision of law repealed by that title
16 shall be reenacted.

17 **TITLE II—REDUCTION IN ARMS**
18 **TRANSFER SUBSIDIES**

19 **SEC. 201. LEASED DEFENSE ARTICLES.**

20 (a) **REPEAL.**—Chapter 6 of the Arms Export Control
21 Act (22 U.S.C. 2796 and following) is repealed.

22 (b) **APPLICABILITY.**—The repeal made by subsection
23 (a) shall not affect any agreement or contract entered into
24 under chapter 6 of the Arms Export Control Act before
25 the effective date of this title.

1 **SEC. 202. EXCESS DEFENSE ARTICLES.**

2 Section 516 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961
3 (22 U.S.C. 2321j) is repealed.

4 **SEC. 203. RECOUPMENT FEES.**

5 (a) **ELIMINATION OF WAIVER AUTHORITY.**—Section
6 21(e) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2761(e))
7 is amended by striking paragraph (2) and redesignating
8 paragraph (3) as paragraph (2).

9 (b) **RECOUPMENT OF FEES FOR COMMERCIAL**
10 **SALES.**—Section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act (22
11 U.S.C. 2778) is amended by adding at the end the follow-
12 ing new subsection:

13 “(i)(1) Any sale involving the export of major defense
14 equipment pursuant to a license or other approval granted
15 under this section shall include an appropriate charge for
16 a proportionate amount of the nonrecurring costs incurred
17 by the United States in the research, development, and
18 production of such equipment. Such charge shall be com-
19 parable to the charge imposed pursuant to section
20 21(e)(1)(B) of this Act relating to government-to-govern-
21 ment sales of major defense equipment.

22 “(2) The charge provided for in paragraph (1) shall
23 not apply with respect to major defense equipment that
24 is paid for from funds transferred under section 503(a)(3)
25 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.

1 2311(a)(3)) or from funds made available on a grant or
2 other nonrepayable basis under section 23 of this Act.”.

3 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
4 this section apply with respect to major defense equipment
5 sold pursuant to a contract entered into on or after the
6 effective date of this title.

7 **SEC. 204. MILITARY FINANCING PROGRAM.**

8 No funds to carry out section 23 of the Arms Export
9 Control Act may be made available—

10 (1) for grants or loans to Greece, Turkey, Ethi-
11 opia, Eritrea, Uganda, Caribbean countries, or any
12 country eligible to participate in the Partnership for
13 Peace Initiative in fiscal year 1997; or

14 (2) for the Enhanced International Peacekeep-
15 ing Initiative.

16 **SEC. 205. ECONOMIC SUPPORT FUND.**

17 No funds to carry out the provisions of chapter 4 of
18 part II of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, relating
19 to the economic support fund, may be made available for
20 Turkey, Haiti, or Cambodia to offset costs of purchasing
21 defense articles or defense services from the United
22 States.

23 **SEC. 206. INTERNATIONAL ARMS BAZAARS.**

24 No funds appropriated or otherwise made available
25 pursuant to any Act of Congress may be used to offset

1 the cost of a demonstration or exhibition of defense arti-
2 cles or defense services at a trade show or other pro-
3 motional event in a foreign country for potential pur-
4 chasers of those defense articles or defense services.

5 **SEC. 207. DEFINITIONS.**

6 As used in this title, the terms “defense article” and
7 “defense service” have the meanings given those terms in
8 section 47 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C.
9 2794).

10 **SEC. 208. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

11 This title and the amendments made by this title
12 shall take effect on October 1, 1998.

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