

alien's lawful admission for permanent residence as of the date of such approval and the Secretary of State shall reduce by one the number of visas authorized to be issued under sections 201(d) and 203(b)(4) for the fiscal year then current."

(d) **WAIVER AUTHORITY.**—Section 212(d) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)) is amended by inserting after paragraph (1) the following new paragraph:

"(2) The Attorney General shall determine whether a ground of inadmissibility exists with respect to a nonimmigrant described in section 101(a)(15)(W). The Attorney General, in the Attorney General's discretion, may waive the application of subsection (a) in the case of such a nonimmigrant if the Attorney General considers it to be in the public interest or in the interest of national security."

(e) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Section 248(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1258(1)) is amended by striking "or (S)" and inserting "(S), or (W)".

SEC. 3. WEAPON OF MASS DESTRUCTION DEFINED.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—In this Act, the term "weapon of mass destruction" has the meaning given the term in section 1403(1) of the

Defense Against Weapons of Mass Destruction Act of 1996 (title XIV of Public Law 104-201; 110 Stat. 2717; 50 U.S.C. 2302(1)), as amended by subsection (b).

(b) **TECHNICAL CORRECTION.**—Section 1403(1)(B) of the Defense Against Weapons of Mass Destruction Act of 1996 (title XIV of Public Law 104-201; 110 Stat. 2717; 50 U.S.C. 2302(1)(B)) is amended by striking "a disease organism" and inserting "a biological agent, toxin, or vector (as those terms are defined in section 178 of title 18, United States Code)".

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 5, H.R. 975, H.R. 1047, AND H.R. 1308

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I understand the following bills are at the desk, and I ask they be read for the first time en bloc: H.R. 5, H.R. 975, H.R. 1047, and H.R. 1308.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the titles of the bills for the first time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5) to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system.

A bill (H.R. 975) to amend title 11 of the United States Code, and for other purposes.

A bill (H.R. 1047) to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, to make other technical amendments to the trade laws, and for other purposes.

A bill (H.R. 1308) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to end certain abusive tax practices, to provide tax relief and simplification, and for other purposes.

Mr. NICKLES. I now ask for their second reading and object to further proceeding on these matters en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bills will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.