

Thornburgh (ABC) litigation resulted in a 1990 court settlement, which protected roughly 190,000 Salvadorans and 50,000 Guatemalans. Other Central Americans have been unable to obtain a decision on their asylum applications for many years. Absent this legislative proposal, many of these individuals would be denied protection from deportation under IIRIRA's new cancellation of removal rules. Such a result would unduly harm stable families and communities here in the United States and undermine our strong interests in facilitating the development of peace and democracy in Central America.

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 commended 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, 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 re-opening 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.

The message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 105-111).

§86.39 ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 709. An Act to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1226. An Act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent the unauthorized inspection of tax returns or tax return information.

§86.40 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted—

To Mr. PALLONE, for Wednesday, July 23; and

To Mr. YATES, for today after 8 p.m. And then,

§86.41 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. REDMOND, at 12 o'clock and 23 minutes a.m., Friday, July 25 (legislative day of Thursday, July 24), 1997, the House adjourned.

§86.42 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. COBLE: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 567. A bill to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide for the registration and protection of trademarks used in commerce, in order to carry out provisions of certain international conventions, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-199). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. House Concurrent Resolution 98. Resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the SAFE KIDS Buckle Up Car Seat Safety Check (Rept. No. 105-200). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 2005. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the application of the Act popularly known as the Death on the High Seas Act to aviation incidents, (Rept. No. 105-201). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 197. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2209) making appropriations for the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-202). Referred to the House Calendar.

§86.43 PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. BALDACCI (for himself and Mr. LAFALCE):

H.R. 2235. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to make permanent the microloan program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. GILMAN:

H.R. 2236. A bill to suspend until January 1, 2000, the duty on Irganox 1520; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 2237. A bill to suspend until January 1, 2000, the duty on Irganox 1425; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 2238. A bill to suspend until January 1, 2000, the duty on Irganox 565; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 2239. A bill to suspend until January 1, 2000, the duty on Irganox 1520LR; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 2240. A bill to suspend until January 1, 2000, the duty on Irgacure 184; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 2241. A bill to suspend until January 1, 2000, the duty on Darocure 1173; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 2242. A bill to suspend until January 1, 2000, the duty on Irgacure 819; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 2243. A bill to suspend until January 1, 2000, the duty on Irgacure 369; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 2244. A bill to suspend until January 1, 2000, the duty on Irgacure 1700; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 2245. A bill to suspend until January 1, 2000, the duty on Irgacor 252LD; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 2246. A bill to suspend until January 1, 2000, the duty on Irgacor 1405; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. MOLINARI (for herself and Mr. SHUSTER):

H.R. 2247. A bill to reform the statutes relating to Amtrak, to authorize appropriations for Amtrak, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. LEACH (for himself and Mr. GONZALEZ):

H.R. 2248. A bill to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions toward religious understanding and peace, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. SENSENBRENNER (for himself and Mr. BROWN of California):

H.R. 2249. A bill to authorize appropriations for carrying out the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science.

By Mr. ARCHER (for himself, Mr. GOSS, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. SPENCE, Mr. STUMP, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. TALENT, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. CRANE, Mr. HEFNER, Mr. FROST, Mr. PORTER, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. SHAW, Mr. SKEEN, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. GORDON, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. MCCREERY, Mr. PICKETT, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. TANNER, Mr. WALSH, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. CAMP, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. KLUG, Mr. EHLERS, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. BALDACCI, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. COBURN, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. EHRlich, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. GANSKE, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. SAXTON, and Mr. GILLMOR):

H.R. 2250. A bill to amend section 353 of the Public Health Service Act to exempt physician office laboratories from the clinical laboratories requirements of that section; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. DINGELL (for himself and Mr. RAHALL):

H.R. 2251. A bill to extend authorities under the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act of 1995; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Ms. FURSE:

H.R. 2252. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide that capital gains not be recognized if invested in certain small businesses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GUTIERREZ (for himself, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FILNER, Ms. WATERS, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. LEACH, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. BONIOR, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. MANTON, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. FROST, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. CLYBURN, Mrs. THURMAN, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. CARSON, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. STARK, Mr. CAPPS, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. DELLUMS, and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 2253. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise and improve the authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to the provision of counseling and treatment for sexual trauma experienced by veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts (for himself, Ms. WATERS, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. BROWN of California, Ms. CARSON, Mr. COYNE, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. JACKSON, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. McDERMOTT, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. OLVER, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCOTT, and Mr. WAXMAN):

H.R. 2254. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for equity investments in community development financial institutions; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. KLECZKA:

H.R. 2255. A bill to provide that the firearms prohibitions applicable by reason of a domestic violence misdemeanor conviction do not apply to a government official engaged in official conduct while on duty; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

H.R. 2256. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to ensure that States do not require registration of individuals convicted of an offense that involves consensual sexual activity between individuals 18 years of age or older; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. STRICKLAND:

H.R. 2257. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to make modifications to the temporary housing assistance program; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. CALVERT, and Mr. SENSENBRENNER):

H.R. 2258. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for fair treatment of small property and casualty insurance companies; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. YOUNG of Alaska:

H.R. 2259. A bill to provide for a transfer of land interests in order to facilitate surface transportation between the cities of Cold Bay, AK, and King Cove, AK, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. HOYER (for himself, Mr. HYDE, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. SABO, Mr. PALLONE, and Mr. SKAGGS):

H.J. Res. 88. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States repealing the 22d article of amendment to the Constitution; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEACH (for himself and Mr. GONZALEZ):

H. Con. Res. 120. Concurrent resolution to authorize the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a congressional ceremony honoring Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew; to the Committee on House Oversight.

By Ms. HARMAN:

H. Con. Res. 121. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding proliferation of missile technology from Russia to Iran; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. LANTOS:

H. Con. Res. 122. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding Israeli soldiers missing in action and calling upon governments and authorities in the Middle East to act to resolve these tragic cases; to the Committee on International Relations.

¶86.44 PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 1 of Rule XXII,

Mr. SCARBOROUGH introduced A bill (H.R. 2260) for the relief of Harold David Strother, Jr.; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

¶86.45 ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 12: Mr. RANGEL and Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD.

H.R. 44: Mr. MCGOVERN.

H.R. 51: Mr. GIBBONS.

H.R. 65: Mr. MCHALE and Mr. MCGOVERN.

H.R. 100: Mr. CONYERS and Mr. MCGOVERN.

H.R. 144: Ms. STABENOW.

H.R. 146: Mr. HAYWORTH.

H.R. 209: Mr. MANTON and Mr. DEUTSCH.

H.R. 303: Mr. MCGOVERN.

H.R. 332: Mr. TIAHRT.

H.R. 399: Mr. PASCRELL and Mr. LUTHER.

H.R. 532: Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, Mr. CLYBURN, and Mr. STUMP.

H.R. 563: Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 622: Mr. GOODE.

H.R. 623: Ms. BROWN of Florida.

H.R. 659: Mr. POSHARD.

H.R. 691: Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.

H.R. 695: Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. KLUG, Mr. JENKINS, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. CRANE, Mr. WAMP, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. THUNE, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado, and Mr. THORNBERRY.

H.R. 715: Mr. BOEHLERT and Mr. LATOURETTE.

H.R. 755: Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. COBLE, and Mrs. EMERSON.

H.R. 789: Mr. GRAHAM.

H.R. 815: Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 859: Mr. HANSEN, Mr. HERGER, Mr. TRAFICANT, and Mr. SAM JOHNSON.

H.R. 899: Ms. ESHOO and Mr. ROTHMAN.

H.R. 983: Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN.

H.R. 986: Mr. SNOWBARGER.

H.R. 991: Mr. DIAZ-BALART and Mr. DEUTSCH.

H.R. 1009: Mr. KOLBE.

H.R. 1047: Mr. RUSH and Mr. SHERMAN.

H.R. 1108: Mr. CALLAHAN.

H.R. 1126: Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota.

H.R. 1151: Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. TALENT, and Mr. OWENS.

H.R. 1165: Mr. ANDREWS.

H.R. 1260: Ms. RIVERS, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. SCOTT, and Mr. COX of California.

H.R. 1353: Mr. TANNER.

H.R. 1362: Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania and Mr. TALENT.

H.R. 1437: Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. PALLONE, and Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon.

H.R. 1480: Mr. RUSH.

H.R. 1539: Mr. PAPPAS.

H.R. 1541: Mr. MEEHAN.

H.R. 1544: Mr. CANADY, and Mr. BONIOR.

H.R. 1570: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.

H.R. 1608: Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. HOSTETTLER, and Mr. BROWN of Ohio.

H.R. 1614: Ms. FURSE and Mr. FOLEY.

H.R. 1619: Mr. BAESLER.

H.R. 1801: Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. VENTO, Mr. EHLERS, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, and Mr. TORRES.

H.R. 1824: Ms. DEGETTE and Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut.

H.R. 1839: Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 1880: Mr. OLVER.

H.R. 1903: Mr. FOLEY, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado, and Mr. DOYLE.

H.R. 1970: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.

H.R. 1971: Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 1972: Mr. MCINTOSH.

H.R. 1984: Mr. BONILLA, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. EHRlich, Mr. GANSKE, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. NEUMANN, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. BAKER, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. CALLAHAN.

H.R. 2040: Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky.

H.R. 2064: Ms. JACKSON-LEE.

H.R. 2118: Ms. PELOSI, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. LOFGREN, and Mr. MEEHAN.

H.R. 2122: Mr. ROTHMAN.

H.R. 2129: Mr. SAWYER.

H.R. 2139: Mr. CONDIT, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. KIND of Wisconsin, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. MINGE, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. WATKINS, Mr. KLECZKA, Ms. SANCHEZ, and Mr. POMEROY.

H.R. 2173: Mr. TURNER, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. SOLOMON, and Mr. SHERMAN.

H.R. 2185: Mr. TOWNS.

H.R. 2190: Mr. KING of New York.

H.R. 2195: Mr. ROYCE, Mr. HUNTER, and Mr. KING of New York.

H.R. 2198: Mr. MINGE.

H.R. 2200: Mr. LANTOS.

H.R. 2222: Mr. LIPINSKI.

H. J. Res. 70: Mr. HEFLEY and Mr. COX of California.

H. Con. Res. 6: Mr. GREEN.

H. Con. Res. 80: Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. KING of New York, and Mr. MCGOVERN.

H. Con. Res. 109: Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. RUSH, Mr. SPENCE, Mr. HANSEN, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, and Mr. DEFAZIO.

H. Res. 16: Mr. CRAMER, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. VENTO, and Mr. MINGE.

H. Res. 37: Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota; Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. GORDON, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. TIERNEY, and Mr. EDWARDS.

H. Res. 119: Mr. MCHALE.

H. Res. 166: Mr. GILCHRIST.

¶86.46 DELETIONS OF SPONSORS FROM PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 4 of rule XXIII, sponsors were deleted from public bills and resolutions as follows: