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Barrett (WI)	Kind (WI)	Paul
Bartlett	Klug	Payne
Blumenauer	Kucinich	Pelosi
Bonior	Lee	Petri
Campbell	Lofgren	Rangel
Conyers	Lowe	Rohrabacher
Davis (IL)	Luther	Rush
DeFazio	McDermott	Sanders
Delahunt	McKinney	Sensenbrenner
Filner	Meeke (NY)	Shays
Franks (NJ)	Miller (CA)	Stark
Furse	Minge	Velazquez
Goode	Morella	Vento
Gutierrez	Nadler	Woolsey
Hoekstra	Oberstar	Obey
Hoolley	Obey	Yates
Jackson (IL)	Owens	

NOT VOTING—11

Aderholt	Goss	Pryce (OH)
Brady (TX)	Johnson, Sam	Riley
Burton	Kennelly	Shaw
Ehrlich	Poshard	

So the conference report was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said conference report was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

¶95.11 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3736

Mr. DREIER, by direction of the Committee on Rules, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 513):

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 3736) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make changes relating to H-1B nonimmigrants. The bill shall be considered as read for amendment. In lieu of the amendment recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 1 pursuant to clause 6 of rule XXIII shall be considered as adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate on the bill, as amended, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary; (2) the further amendment printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 2 pursuant to clause 6 of rule XXIII, which shall be in order without intervention of any point of order or demand for division of the question, shall be considered as read, and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent; and (3) one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

When said resolution was considered. After debate,

Mr. DREIER submitted the following amendment:

At the end of the resolution add the following new section:

"SEC. 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of this resolution, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 3 pursuant to clause 6 of rule XXIII shall be considered as adopted in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and numbered 1."

On motion of Mr. DREIER, the previous question was ordered on the amendment and the resolution, as amended, to their adoption or rejection

and under the operation thereof, the amendment and the resolution, as amended, were agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said resolution, as amended, was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

¶95.12 WORKFORCE IMPROVEMENT AND PROTECTION

Mr. SMITH of Texas, pursuant to House Resolution 513, called up the bill (H.R. 3736) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make changes relating to H-1B nonimmigrants.

When said bill was considered and read twice.

Pursuant to House Resolution 513, the following amendment in the nature of a substitute was considered as adopted:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS; AMENDMENTS TO IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Temporary Access to Skilled Workers and H-1B Non-immigrant Program Improvement Act of 1998".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents, amendments to Immigration and Nationality Act.

TITLE I—PROVISIONS RELATING TO H-1B NONIMMIGRANTS

Sec. 101. Temporary increase in access to temporary skilled personnel under H-1B program.

Sec. 102. Protection against displacement of United States workers in case of H-1B dependent employers.

Sec. 103. Changes in enforcement and penalties.

Sec. 104. Collection and use of H-1B non-immigrant fees for scholarships for low-income math, engineering, and computer science students and job training of United States workers.

Sec. 105. Computation of prevailing wage level.

Sec. 106. Improving count of H-1B and H-2B nonimmigrants.

Sec. 107. Report on older workers in the information technology field.

Sec. 108. Report on high technology labor market needs, reports on economic impact of increase in H-1B nonimmigrants.

TITLE II—SPECIAL IMMIGRANT STATUS FOR CERTAIN NATO CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

Sec. 201. Special immigrant status for certain NATO civilian employees.

TITLE III—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISION

Sec. 301. Academic honoraria.

(c) AMENDMENTS TO IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT.—Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Act, whenever in this Act an amendment is expressed in terms of an amendment to a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to that section or other provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.).

TITLE I—PROVISIONS RELATING TO H-1B NONIMMIGRANTS

SEC. 101. TEMPORARY INCREASE IN ACCESS TO TEMPORARY SKILLED PERSONNEL UNDER H-1B PROGRAM.

(a) TEMPORARY INCREASE IN SKILLED NON-IMMIGRANT WORKERS.—Paragraph (1)(A) of section 214(g) (8 U.S.C. 1184(g)) is amended to read as follows:

"(A) under section 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b), may not exceed—

"(i) 65,000 in each fiscal year before fiscal year 1999;

"(ii) 115,000 in fiscal year 1999;

"(iii) 115,000 in fiscal year 2000;

"(iv) 107,500 in fiscal year 2001; and

"(v) 65,000 in each succeeding fiscal year; or".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATES.—The amendment made by subsection (a) applies beginning with fiscal year 1998.

SEC. 102. PROTECTION AGAINST DISPLACEMENT OF UNITED STATES WORKERS IN CASE OF H-1B-DEPENDENT EMPLOYEES

(a) PROTECTION AGAINST LAYOFF AND REQUIREMENT FOR PRIOR RECRUITMENT OF UNITED STATES WORKERS.—

(1) ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS ON APPLICATION.—Section 212(n)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1182(n)(1)) is amended by inserting after subparagraph (D) the following:

"(E)(i) In the case of an application described in clause (ii), the employer did not displace and will not displace a United States worker (as defined in paragraph (4)) employed by the employer within the period beginning 90 days before and ending 90 days after the date of filing of any visa petition supported by the application.

"(ii) An application described in this clause is an application filed on or after the date final regulations are first promulgated to carry out this subparagraph, and before October 1, 2001, by an H-1B-dependent employer (as defined in paragraph (3)) or by an employer that has been found under paragraph (2)(C) or (5) to have committed a willful failure or misrepresentation on or after the date of the enactment of this subparagraph. An application is not described in this clause of the only H-1B non-immigrants sought in the application are exempt H-1B nonimmigrants.

"(F) In the case of an application described in subparagraph (E)(ii), the employer will not place the nonimmigrant with another employer (regardless of whether or not such other employer is an H-1B-dependent employer) where—

"(i) the nonimmigrant performs duties in whole or in part at one or more worksites owned, operated, or controlled by such other employer; and

"(ii) there are indicia of an employment relationship between the nonimmigrant and such other employer;

unless the employer has inquired of the other employer as to whether, and has no knowledge that, within the period beginning 90 days before and ending 90 days after the date of the placement of the nonimmigrant with the other employer, the other employer has displaced or intends to displace a United States worker employed by the other employer.

"(G)(i) In the case of an application described in subparagraph (E)(ii), subject to clause (ii), the employer, prior to filing the application—

"(I) has taken good faith steps to recruit, in the United States using procedures that meet industry-wide standards and offering compensation that is at least as great as that required to be offered to H-1B non-immigrants under subparagraph (A), United States workers for the job for which the non-immigrant or nonimmigrants is or are sought; and

"(II) has offered the job to any United States worker who applies and is equally or better qualified for the job for which the nonimmigrant or nonimmigrants is or are sought.

"(ii) The conditions described in clause (i) shall not apply to an application filed with respect to the employment of an H-1B non-