

Kuzma, counsel to Senator Hatch; Patricia Vaughan and Terry Woolen with Senator THURMOND; George Smith; with Senator HUMPHREY; Diana Huffman and Jeff Peck with Senator BIDEN; Ed Baxter and Tara McMahon with Senator DeCONCINI; Eddie Correl and Priscilla Budeiri with Senator METZENBAUM. Finally, I would like to thank my own staff on this legislation: Milo Cividanes who recently returned to private practice and my chief counsel, Ann Harkins.

Let me also thank Chairman KASTENMEIER, and Mike Remington and David Beler of his staff for their hard work in the House on this important legislation.

And speaking of hard work, special thanks and tribute go to Congressman HAM FISH who first introduced the House companion measure to S. 438, and his chief counsel, Alan Coffey, who deserves a great deal of credit for his work on this legislation as well.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I move that the Senate concur in the House amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

**CORRECTION IN THE ENROLLMENT OF S. 1232**

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I send a concurrent resolution to the desk on behalf of Senator HUMPHREY and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 169) to authorize a correction in the enrollment of S. 1382.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the concurrent resolution?

There being no objection, the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 169) was considered and agreed to as follows:

**S. CON. RES. 169**

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring).* That in the enrollment of the text of the bill (S. 1382) to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to improve the Federal Energy Management program and for other purposes, the Clerk of the Senate shall make the following corrections:

- (1) In section 4(c), strike out "metallic".
- (2) In section 4(g)(ii) strike out "metallic".

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

Mr. BYRD. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

**CORRECTIONS IN THE ENROLLMENT OF H.R. 3911**

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I send a concurrent resolution to the desk

and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 170) directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 3911.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the concurrent resolution?

There being no objection, the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 170) was considered and agreed to as follows:

**S. CON. RES. 170**

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring).* That, in the enrollment of the bill (H.R. 3911), an Act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide increased penalties or certain major fraud against the United States, the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall make the following corrections:

- (1) Omit section 3.
- (2) Redesignate the succeeding sections accordingly and make any corrections to cross references necessary to reflect the redesignations of such sections.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

Mr. BYRD. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

**IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT OF 1988**

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5115 and that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5115) to extend for 2 years section 314 of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 and so forth.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

● Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, the House of Representatives has sent over to us H.R. 5115, the "Immigration Amendments of 1988," and I urge the Senate to adopt this legislation.

The provisions before us fall short of the immigration reforms we need, and which have been before Congress for nearly a decade, but this measure is an important step in the right direction for Ireland and other countries which have been suffering unfairly under our current immigration laws.

Last March the Senate, by an overwhelming vote of 88 to 4, adopted the major immigration reforms nearly everyone agrees we need, and which were strongly recommended by the

Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy in 1981—a Commission upon which both Senator SIMPSON and I served.

Our legislation sought to make our present immigration system fairer and more flexible. It opened up new opportunities for immigrants short-changed by current laws, while protecting those with family ties to the United States.

By addressing the imbalances in immigration which have inadvertently developed in recent years, our bill would have opened America's doors again to lands that no longer have immediate family ties in the United States. And we added 100,000 additional visas for each of the coming 3 years.

It was a generous and compassionate bill, and I deeply regret that the House of Representatives failed to complete action upon it. It is truly a missed opportunity.

What we have before us now is a stopgap measure that is nevertheless of great importance. The bill continues the special "Non-Preference 5" Visa Program established in 1986 that offered new opportunities for immigration from 36 nations disadvantaged by the restrictions of current law. It was a step in the right direction, and this bill continues it and expands it.

The bill extends the "NP-5" Visa Program for 2 more years—1989 and 1990—at a level of 15,000 visas each year—triple the level under current law—and it gives us an opportunity in the next Congress to enact the more general and permanent reforms which are clearly needed.

The bill also extends this program worldwide for 1990 and 1991 at a level of 10,000 visas each year.

Finally, the bill extends for 1 year the existing extension of H-1 visas for nurses, to help deal with the crisis that many hospitals are facing because of the shortage of skilled nurses.

I urge the Senate to adopt the bill. We must not shut the door on immigrants who benefit from this program. It is a temporary, stopgap compromise, but it is essential nonetheless.

I know that many nations have been following our action on this issue, including many of our closest friends, who find it difficult to understand why America permits its modern immigration laws to discriminate so severely against Ireland and other nations that have contributed so much to our immigrant heritage in the past. We must continue to open our doors to those in other lands who look to America as a land of hope and opportunity. But we must be equally vigilant to keep that hope and opportunity available to all nations. The NP-5 Program in effect for 1987 and 1988 has meant that thousands of additional visas are available to Ireland and other nations. As a result of this legislation, even more will be available for 1989 and 1990. My only regret is that we were unable in this Congress to