

HR 3604

Temporary Agricultural Labor Reform Act of 2003

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 21, 2003
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 10, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Nov 21, 2003)

Temporary Agricultural Labor Reform Act of 2003 - Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to revise employer and employee association application requirements for admission of H-2A temporary agricultural workers, including assurances: (1) that the job opportunity is temporary or seasonal, and is not the result of a labor dispute; (2) that attempts have been made to hire U.S. workers; (3) respecting wages and benefits, and labor law compliance; (4) respecting nondisplacement of U.S. workers; and (5) respecting limitations on placement with other employers.

Revises related provisions respecting: (1) penalties; and (2) admissions and extensions of stay. Provides special provisions for alien sheepherders.

Amends the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to: (1) authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to make grants to H-2A employers for the transportation costs of workers whose employment is cut short by natural disaster; and (2) direct the Secretary to establish an H-2A Worker Program Ombudsman within the Office of the Chief Economist of the Department of Agriculture.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 10, 2003:** Executive Comment Requested from USDA.
- **Dec 10, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims.
- **Nov 23, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E2449)
- **Nov 21, 2003:** Introduced in House
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