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H-2A Improvement Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Sep 28, 2010
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 28, 2010

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 3744	Related bill	Nov 16, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.
111 HR 1660	Related bill	Apr 27, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law.

H-2A Improvement Act - Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to include within the H-2A nonimmigrant visa category (temporary agricultural workers) an alien coming temporarily to the United States to work as a sheepherder, goat herder, or dairy worker. Exempts an employer filing a petition to employ such a worker from the requirement to show that the position is of a seasonal or temporary nature.

Provides for a three-year initial period of admission with additional three-year extensions.

Authorizes such alien to petition to become a lawful permanent resident after having worked as a sheepherder, goat herder, or dairy worker in the United States for not fewer than 33 of the preceding 36 months.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 28, 2010:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 28, 2010:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S7633)
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