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H-2A Improvement Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]

Party: Democratic • State: VT • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	R · WY		Apr 14, 2011
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Apr 14, 2011
Sen. Kohl, Herb [D-WI]	D · WI		Apr 14, 2011
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Apr 14, 2011
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Apr 14, 2011

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 14, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 3232	Related bill	Oct 24, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement.
112 S 1697	Related bill	Oct 12, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
112 HR 1720	Identical bill	Jun 1, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement.

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

- **Apr 14, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 14, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2530)
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