

COMPARISON OF THE ESTIMATED NUMERICAL IMPACTS OF THE IMMIGRATION BILLS THAT COULD COME BEFORE THE SENATE

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| | S. 1033 McCain | S. 2454 Frist | S. ____ Specter* | S. 2611 Specter** |
|---|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| TOTAL ANNUAL INCREASE IN TEMPORARY WORKER VISAS | 400,000+ | 100,000+ | 500,000+ | 425,000+ |
| Total Annual Increase in F-4 Student/Worker Visas | N/A | Unknown | Unknown | Unknown |
| Total Annual Increase in H-1B Worker Visas | N/A | 100,000+ | 100,000+ | 100,000+ |
| <i>Increase in Annual Cap</i> | — | 50,000+ | 50,000+ | 50,000+ |
| <i>New Exemptions from Annual Cap-adv. deg. in math/tech/eng/sci (est.)</i> | — | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Total Annual Increase in New Guestworker Visas—H-5A/H-2C (est.) | 400,000+ | N/A | 400,000+ | 325,000+ |
| TOTAL ONE-TIME-ONLY PERMANENT/INDEFINITE INCREASE | 11,010,660 | 310,660 | 10,510,660 | 10,510,660 |
| Total Amnesty Increase (both immediate and deferred amnesties) | 10,700,000 | N/A | 10,200,000 | 10,200,000 [†] |
| <i>Total Illegal-Alien Workers</i> | 7,100,000 | — | 6,700,000 | 6,700,000 |
| <i>Total Illegal-Alien Spouses/Children</i> | 3,600,000 | — | 3,500,000 | 3,500,000 |
| Total “Unused” Family-Preference, 2001-2005 (estimated) | 115,000 | 115,000 | 115,000 | 115,000 |
| Total “Unused” Employment-Based, 2001-2005 (estimated) | 195,660 | 195,660 | 195,660 | 195,660 |
| <i>“Unused” employment-based visas</i> | 90,000 | 90,000 | 90,000 | 90,000 |
| <i>Exempt family of “unused” employ.-based visa holders</i> | 105,660 | 105,660 | 105,660 | 105,660 |
| TOTAL ANNUAL INCREASE IN PERMANENT IMMIGRANT VISAS | 404,000 | 1,008,660 | 1,008,660 | 1,154,700+ |
| Total Annual Increase in Family-Preference Visa Cap | 254,000 | 254,000 | 254,000 | 254,000 |
| Total Annual Increase in Employment-Based Visas | 150,000 | 754,660 | 754,660 | 900,700 |

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| <i>Increase in annual cap</i> | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 310,000 |
| <i>Exempt family of employment-based immigrants¹</i> | — | 340,460 | 340,460 | 526,500 |
| <i>Exempt workers in “shortage occupations” as designated by DoL</i> | — | — | — | Unlimited |
| <i>Exempt post-secondary foreign students in math/tech/eng/science (est.²)</i> | — | 200,000 | 200,000 | — |
| <i>Exempt nonimmigrants w/ adv.deg. in math/tech/eng/science (est.²)</i> | — | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| <i>Exempt extraordinary ability workers (est. based on past four years’ average)</i> | — | 3,600 | 3,600 | 3,600 |
| <i>Exempt outstanding profs/researchers (est. based on past four years’ average)</i> | — | 3,900 | 3,900 | 3,900 |
| <i>Exempt Special Immigrants (est. based on past four years’ average)</i> | — | 6,700 | 6,700 | 6,700 |
| Total Annual Increase in Women and Children with a “credible fear of harm” related to sex or age, respectively | N/A | N/A | N/A | Unknown (could be millions) |
| TOTAL ANNUAL PERMANENT LEGAL IMMIGRATION = CURRENT LAW + ENACTMENT OF:³ | 2,500,000 | 2,000,000 | 3,100,000 | 3,200,000 |
| TOTAL PERMANENT LEGAL IMMIGRATION OVER 10 YEARS = CURRENT LAW + ENACTMENT OF:³ | 25 MILLION | 20 MILLION | 31 MILLION | 32 Million |

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* This chart refers to the version of the Specter proposal that was passed by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

** This is the Hagel-Martinez “compromise” proposal.

¹ Aliens unlawfully present for at least five years before April 2006 are granted immediate amnesty, while those unlawfully present five or fewer years must leave the United States momentarily during a specified period and wait eight years before applying to adjust to lawful permanent residence.

¹ Assumes that the ratio of workers to family members within the employment-based category remains the same as the average ratio from 2001-2004.

² Based on Department of Education data on the number of nonresident aliens attending and graduating from post-secondary math, technology, engineering, and science programs in the 2003-2004 school year.

³ Estimates do NOT account for the fact that the McCain, Frist, and Specter proposals would allow some or all of the new “temporary” workers to adjust to lawful permanent resident status. Estimates assume that:

- a. “regular” legal immigration (i.e., that allowed under current law) will remain at about one million per year, despite the fact that the annual legal immigration level has been growing steadily since the 1965 Act;
- b. the amnesty will be spread evenly over 10 years (following the 1986 amnesty, it took five years to legalize 2.7 million beneficiaries, so legalizing 10-11 million could take substantially longer); and
- c. the “unused” family- and employment-based visas will be spread evenly over five years.