

## Congressional Bills, Jan.–May 2001

### A Selection of Proposals

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#### Health Law

##### Senate Action

- S.6 (*Daschle*, D-SD) to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage, to Health, Education, Labor and Pensions. S97, text S101, CR 1/22/01.
- S.24 (*Specter*, R-PA) to provide improved access to health care, enhance informed individual choice regarding health care services, lower health care costs through the use of appropriate providers, improve the quality of health care, and improve access to long-term care, to Finance. S98, remarks and text S269, CR 1/22/01.
- Hearings* The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee will hold a hearing on the scope of a patient privacy regulation issued last year by the Health and Human Services Department. 9:30 a.m., 2/8/01, 430 Dirksen.
- S.283 (*McCain*, R-AZ) to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage, to Health, Education, Labor and Pensions. S1122, text S1136, CR 2/7/01.
- S.284 (*McCain*, R-AZ) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives to expand health care coverage for individuals, to Finance. S1122, text S1154, CR 2/7/01.
- S.363 (*Dorgan*, D-ND) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for 100 percent of the health insurance costs of self-employed individuals, to Finance. S1463, CR 2/15/01.
- Hearings* The Senate Finance Committee will hold hearings on the reasons why people are living without health insurance. 2:30 p.m., 3/13/01 and 3/15/01, 215 Dirksen.
- S. Res. 57 (*Bond*, R-MO) to express the sense of the Senate that the federal investment in programs that provide health care services to uninsured and low-income individuals in medically under-served areas be increased in order to double access to care over the next five years, to Appropriations. S2117, remarks and text S2135, CR 3/9/01.
- Hearings* The Public Health Subcommittee, Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, will hold a hearing on increasing access to essential health care services. 10 a.m., 3/22/01, 430 Dirksen.
- S.569 (*Burns*, R-MT) entitled the “Health Care Access Improvement Act,” to Finance. S2582, remarks and text S2584, CR 3/20/01.
- S.574 (*Feinstein*, D-CA) to amend Titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to allow states to provide health benefits coverage for parents of children eligible for child health assistance under the state children’s health insurance program, to Finance. S2582, remarks S2588, CR 3/20/01.
- S.582 (*Graham*, D-FL) to amend Titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide states with the option to cover certain legal immigrants under the Medicaid and state children’s health insurance programs, to Finance. S2662, remarks S2663, CR 3/21/01.

- S.827 (*Rockefeller*, D-WV) to amend the Social Security Act to guarantee comprehensive health care coverage for all children born after 2001, to Finance. S4246, remarks and text S4257, CR 5/3/01.
- S.859 (*Thomas*, R-WY) to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a mental health community education program, to Health, Education, Labor and Pensions. S4822, remarks and text S4824, CR 5/10/01.
- S.872 (*McCain*, R-AZ) to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage, placed directly on the Senate calendar. S4890, CR 5/14/01.
- S.889 (*Frist*, R-TN) to protect consumers in managed care plans and in other health coverage, to Health, Education, Labor and Pensions. S4940, remarks S4951, CR 5/15/01.

### **House Action**

- H.R.526 (*Ganske*, R-IA) to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage, to Energy and Commerce, Education and the Workforce, and Ways and Means. H252, CR 2/8/01.
- H.R.425 (*Nadler*, D-NY) to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to make grants to states to supplement state assistance for the preservation of affordable housing for low-income families, to Financial Services. H219, CR 2/7/01.
- H.J. Res. 29 (*Jackson*, D-IL) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States regarding the right of citizens of the United States to health care of equal high quality, to Judiciary. H649, CR 3/6/01.
- Hearings* The House Ways and Means Committee will hold a hearing on the Bush administration's health and welfare priorities. 10 a.m., 3/14/01, 1100 Longworth. The Health Subcommittee, House Energy and Commerce Committee, will hold a hearing on improving federal and state roles in managed care regulation and liability. 10 a.m., 3/15/01, 2123 Rayburn.
- H. Res. 87 (*Capuano*, D-MA) to express the sense of the House of Representatives that the federal investment in programs that provide health care services to uninsured and low-income individuals in medically under-served areas be increased in order to double access to care over the next five years, to Energy and Commerce. H877, CR 3/13/01.
- H.R.1033 (*Tierney*, D-MA) to amend the Social Security Act to provide grants and flexibility through demonstration projects for states to provide universal, comprehensive, cost-effective systems of health care coverage, with simplified administration, to Energy and Commerce. H928, CR 3/14/01.
- H.J. Res. 38 (*Paul*, R-TX) disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services on 12/28/00, relating to standards of individually identifiable health information, to Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and Education and the \*Workforce. H955, remarks E371, CR 3/15/01.
- Hearings* The Health Subcommittee, House Energy and Commerce Committee, will hold an oversight hearing on the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, focusing on medical records privacy regulations. 10 a.m., 3/22/01, 2123 Rayburn.
- H.R.1143 (*Diaz-Balart*, R-FL) to amend Titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to permit states the option of coverage of legal immigrants under the Medicaid program and the state children's health insurance program, to Energy and Commerce, and Judiciary. H1059, CR 3/21/01.
- H.R.1142 (*Conyers*, D-MI) to amend Title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit uninsured individuals to obtain coverage under the Medicaid program, and to assure coverage of prescription drugs, alcohol and drug abuse treatment services, mental health services,

long-term care services, and other services, to Energy and Commerce. H1059, CR 3/21/01.

H.R.1200 (*McDermott*, D-WA) to provide for health care for every American and to control the cost and enhance the quality of the health care system, to Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, Government Reform, and Armed Services. H1114, CR 3/22/01.

H.R.1215 (*Greenwood*, R-PA) to ensure confidentiality with respect to medical records and health care-related information, to Energy and Commerce, and Judiciary. H1187, CR 3/27/01.

*Hearings* The Health Subcommittee, House Ways and Means Committee, will hold a hearing on patient protections in managed care plans. 2 p.m., 4/24/01, 1100 Longworth.

H.R.1733 (*Stark*, D-CA) to amend the Social Security Act to guarantee comprehensive health care coverage for all children born after 2001, to Ways and Means, and Energy and Commerce. H1924, CR 5/3/01.

*Hearings* The Health and Oversight and Investigations Subcommittees, House Energy and Commerce Committee, will hold a joint hearing on the Health Care Financing Administration's role in ensuring patients' rights and affordable health insurance. 10 a.m., 5/10/01, 2322 Rayburn.

## **Housing/Homelessness**

### **Senate Action**

S.23 (*Specter*, R-PA) to promote a new urban agenda, to Finance. S98, remarks and text S261, CR 1/22/01.

### **House Action**

H.J. Res. 21 (*Rangel*, D-NY) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States respecting the right to a home, to Judiciary. H399, CR 2/14/01.

H.R.825 (*Flake*, R-AZ) to provide funds to schools that provide educational services to homeless children and youth, to Education and the Workforce, and Financial Services. H622, CR 3/1/01.

H.R.888 (*LaFalce*, D-NY) to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to provide for renewals of grants for permanent housing under the supportive housing program and for shelter plus care assistance to be funded through Section 8 rental assistance amounts made available under the Housing Certificate Fund of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, to Financial Services. H648, remarks E291, CR 3/6/01.

H.J. Res. 30 (*Jackson*, D-IL) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States respecting the right to safe, sanitary and affordable housing, to Judiciary. H649, CR 3/6/01.

H.R.936 (*Evans*, D-IL) to amend Title 38, U.S. Code, to improve programs for homeless veterans, to Veterans' Affairs. H825, CR 3/8/01.

H.R.1191 (*Meek*, D-FL) to amend Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to ensure that communities receiving community development block grants use such funds to benefit low- and moderate-income families, to Financial Services. H1114, CR 3/22/01.

*Hearings* The Housing and Community Opportunity Subcommittee, House Financial Services Committee, will hold a hearing on issues surrounding affordable housing. 9:30 a.m., 4/5/01, 2128 Rayburn.

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#### **Notices**

On 4/20/01, the Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), issued a proposed rule to update and clarify HUD's annual income requirements for its public housing and Section 8 housing assistance programs. Comments are due on or before 6/19/01. FR 20368.

### **Immigration Law**

#### **Senate Action**

S.56 (*Inouye*, D-HI) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to facilitate the immigration to the United States of certain aliens born in the Philippines or Japan who were fathered by U.S. citizens, to Judiciary. S99, CR 1/22/01.

S.121 (*Feinstein*, D-CA) to establish an Office of Children's Services within the Department of Justice to coordinate and implement government action involving unaccompanied alien children, to Judiciary. S100, remarks S396, CR 1/22/01.

S.169 (*Kyl*, R-AZ) to provide federal reimbursement for indirect costs relating to the incarceration of illegal criminal aliens and for emergency health services furnished to undocumented aliens, to Judiciary. S527, remarks S540, CR 1/24/01.

S.562 (*Reid*, D-NV) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the record of admission for permanent residence in the case of certain aliens, to Judiciary. S2472, remarks S2474, CR 3/19/01.

S.778 (*Hagel*, R-NE) to expand the class of beneficiaries who may apply for adjustment of status under Section 245(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act by extending the deadline for classification petition and labor classification filings, to Judiciary. S3994, remarks S3996, CR 4/26/01. S.862 (*Feinstein*, D-CA) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2002 through 2006 to carry out the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, to Judiciary. S4822, remarks and text S4832, CR 5/10/01.

S.864 (*Leahy*, D-VT) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who commit acts of torture, extrajudicial killings, or other specified atrocities abroad are inadmissible and removable and to establish within the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice an Office of Special Investigations having responsibilities under that act with respect to all alien participants in war crimes, genocide, and the commissions of act of torture and extrajudicial killings abroad, to Judiciary. S4822, remarks and text S4835, CR 5/10/01. *Hearings* The Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary Subcommittee, Senate Appropriations Committee, will hold hearings on fiscal year 2002 appropriations for the Immigration and Naturalization Service. 10 a.m., 5/17/01, 138 Dirksen.

*Hearings* The Immigration Subcommittee, Senate Judiciary Committee, will hold a hearing on immigration policy as it relates to rural and urban health care needs. 2 p.m., 5/22/01, 226 Dirksen.

S.939 (*Hutchison*, R-TX) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to confer citizenship automatically on children residing abroad in the legal and physical custody of a citizen parent serving in a government or military position abroad, to Judiciary. S5542, remarks S5548, CR 5/23/01.

S.955 (*Kennedy*, D-MA) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify restrictions added by the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, to Judiciary. S5616, remarks S5631, CR 5/24/01.

#### **House Action**

H.R.500 (*Gutierrez*, D-IL) to revise various provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act, to Judiciary. H222, CR 2/7/01.

H.R.505 (*Hastings*, D-FL) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the adjustment of status of certain unaccompanied alien children and the establishment of a panel of advisors to assist unaccompanied alien children in immigration proceedings, to Judiciary. H222, CR 2/7/01.

H.R.531 (*Berman*, D-CA) to designate El Salvador under Section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to render nationals of El Salvador eligible for temporary protected status under such section, to Judiciary. H252, CR 2/8/01.

H.R.544 (*Maloney*, D-NY) to require the Attorney General to promulgate regulations relating to gender-related persecution, including female genital mutilation, to use in determining an alien's eligibility for asylum or withholding of removal, to Judiciary. H253, CR 2/8/01.

H.R.654 (*Gutierrez*, D-IL) to reduce fraud in connection with the provision of legal advice and other services to individuals applying for immigration benefits or otherwise involved in immigration proceedings by requiring paid immigration consultants to be licensed and otherwise provide services in a satisfactory manner, to Judiciary. H395, CR 2/14/01.

H.R.690 (*Nadler*, D-NY) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide a mechanism for United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for residence in the United States, to Judiciary. H397, CR 2/14/01.

H.R.720 (*Wu*, D-OR) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide temporary protected status to certain unaccompanied alien children, and to provide for the adjustment of status of aliens unlawfully present in the United States who are under 18 years of age, to Judiciary. H398, CR 2/14/01.

H.R.814 (*Andrews*, D-NJ) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the admission to the United States for permanent residence without numerical limitation of spouses of permanent resident aliens, to Judiciary. H621, CR 3/1/01.

H.R.823 (*Condit*, D-CA) to provide federal reimbursement for indirect costs relating to the incarceration of illegal criminal aliens and for emergency health services furnished to undocumented aliens, to Judiciary, and Energy and Commerce. H622, CR 3/1/01.

H.R.964 (*Nadler*, D-NY) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to exempt certain elderly persons from demonstrating an understanding of the English language and the history, principles and form of government of the United States as a requirement for naturalization, and to permit certain other elderly persons to take the history and government examination in a language of their choice, to Judiciary. H827, CR 3/8/01.

H.R.957 (*Keller*, R-FL) to improve the prevention and punishment of criminal smuggling, transporting and harboring of aliens, to Judiciary. H826, CR 3/8/01.

H.R.993 (*Keller*, R-FL) to improve the prevention and punishment of criminal smuggling, transporting, and harboring of aliens, to Judiciary. H875, CR 3/13/01.

H.R.1028 (*Pallone*, D-NJ) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit the admission to the United States of nonimmigrant students and visitors who are the spouses and children of United States permanent resident aliens, to Judiciary. H928, CR 3/14/01.

H.R.1209 (*Gekas*, R-PA) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to determine whether an alien is a child, for purposes of classification as an immediate relative, based on the age of the alien on the date the classification petition with respect to the alien is filed, to Judiciary. H1121, CR 3/26/01.

H.R.1242 (*King*, R-NY) to expand the class of beneficiaries who may apply for adjustment of status under section 245(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act by extending the deadline for classification petition and labor certification filings, to Judiciary. H1188, CR 3/27/01.

H.R.1266 (*Bonior*, D-MI) to ensure that no alien is removed, denied a benefit under the Immigration and Nationality Act, or otherwise deprived of liberty, based on evidence that is kept secret from the alien, to Judiciary. H1294, CR 3/28/01.

H.R.1560 (*Jackson Lee*, D-TX) to increase the numerical limitation on the number of asylees whose status may be adjusted to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence, to Judiciary. H1555, CR 4/24/01.

H.R.1561 (*Jackson Lee*, D-TX) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the record of admission for permanent residence in the case of certain aliens, to Judiciary. H1555, CR 4/24/01.

H.R.1562 (*Jackson Lee*, D-TX) to replace the Immigration and Naturalization Service with an Office of the Associate Attorney General for Immigration Affairs, a Bureau of Immigration Services, and a Bureau of Immigration Enforcement, to Judiciary, and Government Reform. H1555, CR 4/24/01.

H.R.1563 (*Jackson Lee*, D-TX) to assist aliens who were transplanted to the United States as children in continuing their education and otherwise integrating into American society, to Judiciary. H1555, CR 4/24/01.

H.R.1571 (*Owens*, D-NY) to provide for permanent resident status for any alien orphan physically present in the United States who is less than 12 years of age and to provide for deferred enforced departure status for any alien physically present in the United States who is the natural and legal parent of a child born in the United States who is less than 18 years of age, to Judiciary. H1555, CR 4/24/01.

H.R.1572 (*Owens*, D-NY) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for legal permanent resident status for certain undocumented or nonimmigrant aliens, to Judiciary. H1555, CR 4/24/01.

H.R.1582 (*Gutierrez*, D-IL) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to adjust the status of certain long-staying alien children, to lower high school drop out rates for certain immigrant children, and to restore the right of state and local governments to decide whom they will admit to their state and local colleges and universities, to Judiciary, and Education and the Workforce. H1604, CR 4/25/01.

H.R.1615 (*Jackson Lee*, D-TX) to expand the class of beneficiaries who may apply for adjustment of status under Section 245(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act by extending the deadline for classification petition and labor classification filings, to Judiciary. H1658, CR 4/26/01.

H.R.1616 (*Keller*, R-FL) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the granting of U.S. citizenship, through the issuance of a certificate of citizenship, to any person who, after obtaining the status of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence, completes three years of honorable service on active duty in the armed forces, to Judiciary. H1658, CR 4/26/01.

*Hearings* The Immigration and Claims Subcommittee, House Judiciary Committee, will hold a hearing on immigration and asylum issues. 2 p.m., 5/3/01, 2226 Rayburn.

H.R.1713 (*Gutierrez*, D-IL) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to restore the scope of eligibility for adjustment of status under Section 245(i) of that Act to that in effect before November 1997, to Judiciary. H1923, 5/3/01.

*Hearings* The Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary Subcommittee, House Appropriations Committee, will hold a hearing on fiscal year 2002 appropriations for the Immigration and Naturalization Service. 10 a.m., 5/9/01, 2237 Rayburn.

- H.R.1807 (*Kolbe*, R-AZ) to establish the High Level Commission on Immigrant Labor Policy, to Judiciary, and Education and the Workforce. H2141, CR 5/10/01.
- Hearings* The Immigration and Claims Subcommittee, House Judiciary Committee, will hold an oversight hearing on the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Executive Office for Immigration Review. 2 p.m., 5/15/01, 2237 Rayburn.
- H.R.1885 (*Gekas*, R-PA) to expand the class of beneficiaries who may apply for adjustment of status under Section 245(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act by extending the deadline for classification petition and labor certification filings, to Judiciary. H2333, CR 5/17/01.
- H.R.1904 (*Lofgren*, D-CA) to establish an Office of Children's Services within the Department of Justice to coordinate and implement governments actions involving unaccompanied alien children, to Judiciary. H2333, CR 5/17/01.
- H.R.1918 (*Gilman*, R-NY) to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to permit states to determine state residency for higher education purposes and to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to cancel the removal and adjust the status of certain alien college-bound students who are long-term U.S. residents, to Judiciary, and Education and the Workforce. H2386, CR 5/21/01.
- Floor Action* On 5/21/01, the House passed, by a 336-43 vote, H.R.1885, expand the class of beneficiaries who may apply for adjustment of status under Section 245(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act by extending the deadline for classification petition and labor certification filings.

#### **Notices**

- On 3/9/01, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, issued a notice designating El Salvador for the Temporary Protected Status program for a period of 18 months. FR 14214.
- On 3/26/01, the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice, issued an interim rule with a request for comments concerning eligibility for adjustment of status under Section 245(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. Comments must be received on or before 5/25/01. FR 16383.