

The JPIC Office will advocate with Congress for final legislation that contains a legalization program which is workable and includes family unity, a realistic path to citizenship and, a new worker program which provided participants a meaningful opportunity to obtain permanent residency.

We urge the congressional leadership to ensure that the regular legislative process is honored, and that amendments to improve the legislation are permitted and given due consideration.

Immigration is an important domestic issue facing the country. Congress can no longer wait to repair our seriously flawed immigration system. We look forward to working with our elected officials Congress to enact a law which both protects the basis human rights and dignity of persons and serves our national interest and security.

Some of recent bipartisan provisions that came from the House could well affect all current illegal immigrants:

1. They could come forward immediately and receive probationary legal status
2. Bill creates a four-year, renewable "Z" visa for those present within the U.S. unlawfully before Jan. 1, 2007.
3. Undocumented immigrants may adjust status to lawful permanent residence once they pay \$5,000 in fees and fines and their head of household returns to their home country.
4. People under age of 30 who were brought here to the U.S. as minors could receive their green cards after three years, rather than eight.
5. Undocumented farmworkers who can demonstrate they have worked 150 hours of three years in agriculture can apply for green cards.
6. No green cards for "Z" visa holders can be processed until "triggers" for border security and workplace enforcement have been met, estimated to take 18 months. Processing of green cards for holders of "Z" visas would begin after clearing an existing backlog, which is expected to take eight years.

For the complete provisions that was discussed, please go to:

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/05/17/AR2007051701960\\_pf.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/05/17/AR2007051701960_pf.html)