



## S. 2829 – A bill to make technical corrections to section 1244 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, which provides special immigrant status for certain Iraqis, and for other purposes

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### FLOOR SITUATION

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S. 2829 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA) on April 8, 2008. The Senate passed the bill by unanimous consent on April 28, 2008. It was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary on April 29, 2008, but was never considered.

S. 2829 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on May 19, 2008.

*\*Note: Similar legislation (H.R. 5837) was introduced by Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-CA) on April 17, 2008. It was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary, but never considered.*

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### SUMMARY

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S. 2829 makes technical corrections to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (P.L. 110-181), which was signed into law by the President on January 28, 2008. The technical corrections focus on provisions relating to special immigrant status for certain Iraqis.

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### BACKGROUND

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The House passed the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (P.L. 110-181) by a vote of 369 to 46 on January 16, 2008. The President signed it into law on January 28, 2008. The law provides 5,000 visas per year for certain Iraqis that had worked for the U.S. Government for at least a year and who are under serious threat because of their employment by the U.S. The bill also created a Senior Coordinator for Iraqi Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons in order to oversee the resettlement in the U.S. of refugees of special humanitarian concern.

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### COST

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The Congressional Budget Office had not scored the bill as of May 18, 2008.

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