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S.2611

Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006 (Engrossed as Agreed to or Passed by Senate)

SEC. 510. EXPEDITED ADJUDICATION OF EMPLOYER PETITIONS FOR ALIENS OF EXTRAORDINARY ARTISTIC ABILITY.

Section 214(c) (8 U.S.C. 1184(c)) is amended--

(1) by striking `Attorney General' each place it appears and inserting `Secretary of Homeland Security'; and

(2) in paragraph (6)(D)--

(A) by striking `Any person' and inserting `(i) Except as provided in clause (ii), any person'; and

(B) adding at the end the following:

(i) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall adjudicate each petition for an alien with extraordinary ability in the arts (as described in section 101(a)(15)(O)(i)), an alien accompanying such an alien (as described in clauses (ii) and (iii) of section 101(a)(15)(O)), or an alien described in section 101(a)(15)(P) not later than 30 days after--

(I) the date on which the petitioner submits the petition with a written advisory opinion, letter of no objection, or request for a waiver; or

(II) the date on which the 15-day period described in clause (i) has expired, if the petitioner has had an opportunity, as appropriate, to supply rebuttal evidence.

(iii) If a petition described in clause (ii) is not adjudicated before the end of the 30-day period described in clause (ii) and the petitioner is a qualified nonprofit organization or an individual or entity petitioning primarily on behalf of a qualified nonprofit organization, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall provide the petitioner with the premium-processing services referred to in section 286(u), without a fee.'

SEC. 511. POWERLINE WORKERS.

Section 214(e) (8 U.S.C. 1184(e)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

(7) A citizen of Canada who is a powerline worker, who has received significant