

## S. 278

# Summer Operations and Seasonal Equity Act of 2005

Introduced by Sen. Collins (R-ME) on February 3, 2005

**Section 1** – Names this act the “Summer Operations and Seasonal Equity Act of 2005.”

**Section 2** – Apportions the annual H-2B cap of 66,000 visas so that at least 12,000 visas are available in each quarter of each fiscal year; exempts from the annual cap aliens granted an H-2B visa within three years prior to approval of an H-2B petition, thus potentially tripling the number of H-2B workers in the United States at any one time; makes the provisions above effective as if enacted on October 1, 2004, until October 1, 2007.

**Section 3** – Requires DHS to report to Congress:

1. Quarterly, beginning no later than December 1, 2006, on the number of aliens issued H-2B visas and the number whose visas expired or were revoked or terminated during the preceding three-month period;
2. Annually, beginning in 2007, on the countries of origin and occupations of, and the compensation paid to H-2B workers during the previous year, the number whose visas expired or were revoked or terminated each month during the previous year, and the total number of aliens granted H-2B visas during the previous two years.