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H. R. 4821

To extend into fiscal year 1999 the visa processing period for diversity applicants whose visa processing was suspended during fiscal year 1998 due to embassy bombings.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 13, 1998

Mr. SMITH of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. EXTENSION INTO FISCAL YEAR 1999 OF VISA**
4 **PROCESSING PERIOD FOR DIVERSITY APPLI-**
5 **CANTS WHOSE VISA PROCESSING WAS SUS-**
6 **PENDED DURING FISCAL YEAR 1998 DUE TO**
7 **EMBASSY BOMBINGS.**

8 (a) EXTENSION OF PERIOD.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding clause
2 (ii)(II) of section 204(a)(1)(G) of the Immigration
3 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1154(a)(1)(G)), in
4 the case of an alien described in paragraph (1) or
5 (2) of subsection (b)—

6 (A) the petition filed for classification
7 under section 203(c) of such Act (8 U.S.C.
8 1153(c)) for fiscal year 1998 is deemed ap-
9 proved for processing for fiscal year 1999, with-
10 out the payment of an additional \$75 filing fee;
11 and

12 (B) the priority rank for such an alien for
13 such classification for fiscal year 1999 is the
14 earliest priority rank established for such classi-
15 fication for such fiscal year.

16 (2) VISAS CHARGED TO FISCAL YEAR 1999.—
17 Immigrant visas made available pursuant paragraph
18 (1) shall be charged to fiscal year 1999.

19 (b) ALIENS ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS.—

20 (1) PETITIONING ALIEN.—An alien described in
21 this paragraph is an alien who—

22 (A) had a petition approved for processing
23 under section 203(c) of the Immigration and
24 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1153(c)) for fiscal
25 year 1998; and

1 (B)(i) had been scheduled for an immi-
2 grant visa interview on or after August 6, 1998,
3 and before October 1, 1998, at the United
4 States embassy in Nairobi, Kenya, at the
5 United States embassy in Dar Es Salaam, Tan-
6 zania, or at any other United States visa proc-
7 essing post designated by the Secretary of State
8 as a post at which immigrant visa services were
9 suspended in fiscal year 1998 as a result of
10 events related to the August 7, 1998, bombing
11 of those embassies; or

12 (ii) had been interviewed for such a visa
13 but refused issuance under section 221(g) of
14 such Act (8 U.S.C. 1201(g)) during fiscal year
15 1998 at such an embassy or post,

16 (2) FAMILY MEMBERS.—An alien described in
17 this paragraph is an alien who—

18 (A) is a family member described in sec-
19 tion 203(d) of the Immigration and Nationality
20 Act (8 U.S.C. 1153(d)) of an alien described in
21 paragraph (1); or

22 (B)(i) is a family member described in
23 such section of an alien described in paragraph
24 (1)(A); and

- 1 (ii) meets the requirement of clause (i) or
2 (ii) of paragraph (1)(B).

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