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State Laws Related to Immigrants and Immigration January 1 – June 30, 2009

While national attention on immigration has declined, state legislatures are deliberating record levels of immigrant-related legislation. In the first half of 2009, state legislation related to immigration topped last year's totals. So far this year, more than 1400 bills have been considered in all 50 states. At least 144 laws and 115 resolutions have been enacted in 44 states, with bills sent to governors in two additional states. A total of 285 bills and resolutions has passed legislatures; 23 of these bills are pending Governor's approval and three bills were vetoed. No bills have been enacted in Alaska, Massachusetts, Michigan or Ohio.

In the first half of 2008, 1267 bills were considered in 45 state legislatures and at least 175 laws and resolutions were enacted in 39 states. A total of 190 bills and resolutions had passed legislatures, with 12 bills pending Governor's approval and three bills vetoed.

The top areas of interest are identification/driver's license with 33 laws enacted, followed by health (22) and education (14). In the first half of 2008, the top three areas were identification/driver's licenses (30), employment (18) and education (12).

The number of resolutions doubled in the first half of 2009 compared to 2008. Most celebrate America's ethnic heritage and others applaud immigrants or programs that serve refugees or immigrants. Twelve resolutions urge Congress to: support funding; expedite naturalization; change requirements for enhanced driver's license; develop a balanced national immigration policy; promote travel to the United States; permanently extend e-verify; grant waivers to establish temporary work programs; and establish health insurance to provide every U.S. resident (citizen, national, or lawful resident alien) with health care services.

States continue to employ a range of enforcement and integration approaches. For example: Tennessee instructs the labor and workforce development department to establish the "We Want To Learn English" initiative. Missouri appropriated funds for naturalization assistance. Iowa established a cultural community grant program to showcase an immigrant community from Laos and Vietnam and their cultures. Washington established a University of Washington center for human rights to expand opportunities for state residents to receive a world-class education in human rights including the rights of immigrants. Two states passed omnibus legislation (Georgia, Nebraska) addressing employment (worksite enforcement), law enforcement, and verification of lawful presence for public benefits.

State laws related to immigration have increased dramatically in recent years.

In 2005, 300 bills were introduced; 38 laws were enacted and 6 vetoed.

In 2006, activity doubled: 570 bills were introduced; 84 laws were enacted; and 6 vetoed.

In 2007, activity tripled: 1,562 bills were introduced; 240 laws were enacted; and 12 vetoed.

In 2008, 1305 bills were considered; 206 were enacted; 3 were vetoed.

This report provides brief summaries of state laws enacted in the first half of 2009 that address legal immigrants, migrant and seasonal workers, refugees or unauthorized immigrants. Terms used in this report by and large reflect the terms used in state legislation. In some state legislative language, unauthorized immigrants are also described as illegal or undocumented immigrants or aliens.

Main Topics	Number of Laws Enacted	States
Education	14	8
Employment	10	7
Health	22	12
Human Trafficking	7	6
ID/Driver's Licenses and Other Licenses	33	24
Law Enforcement	13	8
Legal Services	1	1
Miscellaneous	28	19
Omnibus/Multi-Issue Measures	2	2
Public Benefits	12	11
Voting	3	3
Resolutions	115	27
Total	259	46

EDUCATION (14)

Fourteen laws were enacted in eight states: Arkansas, Colorado, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Texas, Washington, and West Virginia. Four bills have been sent to the Governor in Illinois and Louisiana. These laws generally address in-state tuition eligibility, scholarships, student loans, and English language acquisition and access. Some laws establish commissions and task forces, including representation of migrants or immigrants.

AR	H	1002	This law establishes a scholarship lottery. Scholarships are limited to citizens or lawful permanent residents, defined as those eligible under 8 USC 1622.	3/25/2009
AR	S	26		
AR	H	1044	This law expands membership of the State early childhood commission and adds a migrant/seasonal head start representative.	2/4/2009
AR	S	903	Enacts the International Student Exchange Visitor Placement Organization Registration Act.	4/6/2009
CO	S	90	This law creates the state advisory council for parent involvement in education in the department of education. The council shall consist of a representative of an organization that represents parents and students who advocate in the areas of equality and justice in education, racial justice for youth, and immigrant rights.	5/21/2009
CO	S	163	This act repeals and reenacts the Educational Accreditation Act of 1998 to align accountability and accreditation measures and procedures. The parents appointed to the School District Accountability Committee must represent the student populations including but not limited to students who are migrant children.	5/21/2009
NY	A	157	This law creates the New York higher education loan program. Borrowers must be citizens, lawful permanent residents or refugees.	4/7/2009
ND	H	1400	This act relates to career development for English language learners and new immigrant language learners among others.	5/19/2009

OK	S	222	This act provides for a study and assessment of student testing and data systems, disaggregating the results by gender, race, ethnicity, disability status, migrant status, English proficiency, and status as economically disadvantaged.	6/2/2009
TX	H	3	This act relates to administration of an alternative assessment instrument for unschooled immigrants and English language learners.	6/19/2009
TX	H	192	This act provides that a student's absence from school must be excused if such absence is due to the student appearing at a governmental office to complete paperwork required in connection with the student's application for United States citizenship or if the student taking part in a United States naturalization oath ceremony.	6/19/2009
WA	H	2261	This law addresses minimal instruction in offering services for those whose primary language is not English.	5/19/2009
WA	S	5172	This act establishes a University of Washington center for human rights to expand opportunities for state residents to receive a world-class education in human rights including the rights of immigrants.	5/12/2009
WA	S	5973	This act requires disaggregation of all student data-related reports required by the Office Superintendent of Public Instruction by subgroups of students including transitional bilingual and migrant students.	5/12/2009
WV	S	373	This act modifies eligibility for PROMISE Scholarships, including citizenship and legal immigrant conditions.	5/11/2009

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IL	H	382	This bill requires the Department of Public Health to provide nurse educator scholarships. Only those applicants who are citizens or lawful permanent resident aliens of the United States qualify.
IL	H	1143	This bill establishes the Mental Health Graduate Scholarship Program and requires that all individuals be U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents.
IL	S	1557	This bill amends the School Code to reinforce the study of the role and contributions of Hispanics, and requires that the school history curriculum include the study of the events related to the forceful removal and illegal deportation of Mexican-American U.S. citizens during the Great Depression.
LA	H	112	This bill relates to the State Teachers' Retirement System, provides that foreign teachers holding J-1 visas who are teaching in a public school in the state through a J-1 exchange visitor program shall be members of the system.

EMPLOYMENT (10)

Ten laws were enacted in seven states: Florida, Hawaii, Maine, Montana, Nevada, Tennessee, and Utah. Four bills have been sent to the Governor in Illinois and Oregon and two bills have been vetoed in Georgia and Minnesota. Many of these laws provide for employer sanctions related to the hiring of unauthorized workers, employment eligibility verification requirements and penalties. These laws also include measures on unemployment benefits and workers' compensation.

FL	S	1744	This act relates to the Department of Agriculture and sets standards for immigrants who desire to be licensed as a surveyor or mapper.	5/27/2009
HI	H	643	This act authorizes the Contractors License Board to suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a contractor's license for employing a worker on a public work project who is ineligible under federal law to work in the United States.	6/23/2009

ME	H	133	This law adds migrant and seasonal farm workers to the law providing protections for forestry workers, requires farm labor contractors who are required to register under the federal Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act to file their federal registration with the State Department of Labor, listing a contact in the State, requires provision of first aid training, first aid kits and safe transportation for a given number of workers.	5/26/2009
ME	H	1049	This law triples the penalty for requiring foreign bond workers in logging occupations to use employer-owned equipment and requires proof of ownership to be in the equipment and be shown to enforcement officials.	6/12/2009
MT	S	150	This act revises unemployment insurance laws and revises the general benefit eligibility conditions to include an alien entitled to benefits under the provisions of 39-51-2110.	3/25/2009
NV	A	124	This act amends existing state law which exempts from the Federal Unemployment Tax Act certain services performed by an alien admitted to the United States.	5/28/2009
TN	S	294	This act relates to criminal offenses, creates a Class A misdemeanor offense for a person to knowingly provide, transfer, or submit to any other person false identification for the purposes of obtaining or maintaining employment, provides that if it is determined that any person in connection with the violation is not lawfully present in the United States, the court would notify the U.S. department of homeland security.	5/7/2009
TN	S	1745	This act directs the labor and workforce development department to establish the We Want To Learn English Initiative.	6/5/2009
TN	S	2162	This act relates to workers compensation, imposes certain penalties on employers and employees in certain cases involving employees not authorized to work in the U.S. under federal immigration laws.	6/25/2009
UT	S	39	This act defines a contract in relation to verification of the federal authorization status of a new employee as an agreement for the procurement of services that is awarded through a request for proposals process with a public employer, and includes a sole source contract.	3/23/2009

VETOED

GA	H	481	This bill enacts the Jobs, Opportunity, and Business Success Act of 2009, provides that for a period of time employers who hire persons receiving employment security benefits shall be entitled to a credit against employer contributions and income tax, includes only U.S. citizens or lawful alien residents.	5/11/2009
MN	S	208 1	This bill relates to state government, appropriates money for economic development and housing, establishes and modifying certain programs, including programs for immigrants and refugees.	5/7/2009

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IL	H	624	This bill amends the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. In provisions concerning training grants for skills in critical demand, provides that no employee may be an unauthorized alien.
IL	S	1133	This bill urges employers to consult the State Department of Labor's website for current information on the accuracy of E-Verify and to review and understand an employer's legal responsibilities relating to the use of the voluntary program and provides for the award of specified damages to employees for E-Verify violations.

IL	S	1743	This bill amends the Unemployment Insurance Act and excludes service performed in agricultural labor by an individual who is an alien admitted to the United States to perform service in agricultural labor pursuant to the Immigration and Nationality Act.
OR	H	2078	Increases personal income tax rate on taxpayers with taxable income above certain level, including aliens working under a training or educational visa.

HEALTH (22)

Twenty-two laws were enacted in twelve states: Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, Nevada, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, and Washington. These laws generally address eligibility for health care benefits and the licensing of health care professionals and interpreters.

CO	H	1103	This act authorizes the state to seek federal approval to allow people who are in need of long-term care to be presumptively eligible for Medicaid. Presumptive eligibility requires a declaration of immigration status.	4/22/2009
CO	H	1353	This law authorizes the department of health care policy and financing to provide benefits under Medicaid and the children's basic health plan to pregnant women and children who are legal immigrants prior to the 5-year waiting period following their date of entry into the United States.	6/1/2009
FL	S	1986	This act relates to the licensing of home health care agencies, home medical equipment providers, and health clinics while specifying the work that can be done with nonimmigrant aliens.	6/24/2009
FL	S	2658	This act requires that an applicant applying for the licensure of, or acquiring a controlling interest in, a health care clinic, home health agency, or home medical equipment provider to be a legal resident of the United States for a specified period and to demonstrate proof of financial ability to operate such facility.	6/16/2009
ID	H	44	This act amends existing law revising provisions relating to licensing requirements for foreign-educated physical therapists. Requires that all foreign-educated physical therapists must provide proof of legal authorization to reside in the United States to qualify for licensure.	4/3/2009
ID	H	55	This act amends the existing law relating to nursing, provides an alternative way to qualify for a practical and a professional nursing license for those persons having a professional or registered nurse license in good standing, without restriction or limitation, issued by another state, territory, or foreign country and that meet established board requirements.	4/1/2009
ID	S	1076	This Act amends existing law relating to the Idaho Conrad J-1 Visa Waiver Program to establish the National Interest Waiver Program for foreign physicians, allowing the Idaho department of health and welfare to testify that a waiver is in the public interest.	4/3/2009
IN	H	1182	This law specifies reimbursement requirements for health care services provided to county prisoners without private health care, includes detention for extradition or deportation.	5/6/2009
KS	H	2343	This act concerns the licensure of professional nurses and practical nurses, includes graduates from a foreign jurisdiction.	4/10/2009
MD	S	951	This act clarifies qualifications of applicants for a license to practice psychology in the State and provides that the Council for the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology may determine if degrees from unaccredited or foreign institutions meet its qualifications.	5/7/2009
MN	H	1988	This act relates to human services and provides requirements for citizenship to be eligible for medical assistance.	5/22/2009

NV	S	54	This act revises the qualifications of the State Health Officer, requiring the State Health Officer to be a citizen of the United States.	6/4/2009
NV	S	228	This act provides that nonprofit corporations and health centers may own and operate dental offices or clinics, including those that provide services to underserved populations of migrants, provided that they employ a licensed dentist as dental director and maintain certain records.	5/28/2009
NV	S	229	This act establishes the Physician Visa Waiver Program in the Health Division of the Department of Health and Human Services and requires the program to provide for the oversight of employers and applicants for J-1 nonimmigrant visa waivers.	5/26/2009
OK	S	318	This act relates to the sales tax on food and beverages, provides that sales of tangible personal property or services to any migrant health center are tax exempt.	6/1/2009
TN	H	220	This act prohibits the Bureau of TennCare from disenrolling persons for fiscal or other reasons until the bureau has verified the social security numbers of all enrollees and purged all persons ineligible due to issues of fraud or lack of lawful US residence.	6/12/2009
TX	H	233	This act relates to the creation of an advisory committee to establish and recommend qualifications for certain health care translators and interpreters and defines a health care interpreter as a person who is trained to communicate with a person who has limited English proficiency.	6/19/2009
TX	H	3717	This act relates to exemptions from the requirement to hold a license to practice physical therapy for applicants licensed from another state or credentialed from another country.	6/19/2009
TX	H	3674	This act relates to the licensing requirements for a foreign-trained physician applicant.	6/19/2009
TX	H	4353	This act relates to the licensing of persons licensed to practice nursing in Mexico who will practice in border counties.	6/19/2009
TX	S	1476	This act relates to the authority of a migrant, homeless or community health center to employ an optometrist or therapeutic optometrist.	5/27/2009
WA	H	2128	This act generally relates to the availability of, eligibility for and overall administration of statewide health care coverage for children, including the eligibility of migrant health centers.	5/12/2009

HUMAN TRAFFICKING (7)

Seven laws were enacted in six states: Colorado, Florida, North Dakota, Texas, Virginia, and Washington. These laws provide for penalties and definitions relating to human trafficking, human smuggling and forced labor.

CO	H	112 3	This act revises provisions concerning trafficking of children and coercion of involuntary servitude. Coercion of involuntary servitude includes withholding or threatening to destroy documents relating to a person's immigration status and threatening to notify law enforcement officials that a person is present in the United States in violation of federal immigration laws.	5/21/2009
FL	H	123	This act relates to human smuggling, provides that a person commits a misdemeanor if he or she transports an individual into this state from another country and knows, or should know, that the individual is illegally entering the United States.	6/11/2009
FL	S	168	This act relates to the creation of a statewide task force on human trafficking.	6/1/2009

ND	S	220 9	This act relates to human trafficking, relates to racketeering definitions, registration of offenders against children and registration of sexual offenders, relates to debt bondage, forced labor, threats, physical restraint, abuse of the legal process, destruction of passport documents, slavery and removal of organs through coercion or intimidation and sexual coercion.	4/8/2009
TX	H	400 9	This act relates to the establishment of a victim assistance program to provide services to domestic victims of sex trafficking, provides for law enforcement training.	6/19/2009
VA	H	201 6	This Act addresses abduction of a person for the purposes of forced labor. The law expands the definition of the term "intimidation" to include destroying, concealing, confiscating, withholding a passport, immigration document, or other governmental identification or threatening to report an individual as being illegally present in the United States.	3/30/2009
WA	S	585 0	This act protects workers from human trafficking violations, requires domestic employers of foreign workers and international labor recruitment agencies to disclose certain information to foreign workers who have been referred to or hired by an employer in the state, requires persons licensed to practice medicine in this state to take a one-time course on human trafficking that teaches methods of recognizing victims of human trafficking.	5/14/2009

ID / DRIVER'S LICENSES AND OTHER LICENSES (33)

Thirty-three laws were enacted in twenty-four states: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia and Wyoming. Five bills in Arizona, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, and Missouri are pending Governor's approval. One bill in Colorado was vetoed. These laws relate to documentation and eligibility requirements for IDs and driver's licenses, professional licenses, and firearm and hunting/fishing licenses.

AL	H	60	This act provides for certification of security officers and trainers and requires that all certified security officers and trainers be citizens of the United States or resident aliens.	5/21/2009
AL	H	95	This act continues the existence and functioning of the Licensure Board for Interpreters and Transliterators, and requires that applicants for licensure be United States citizens or legally present in the United States.	3/5/2009
AR	H	1860	This act limits the validity period for driver's licenses and identification cards issued to applicants who are not citizens of the United States.	4/3/2009
AR	H	1978	This act provides voluntary alternative driver's licenses and identification cards for enhanced identification and security purposes only to lawful United State's citizens or legal permanent and temporary residents.	4/9/2009
CO	S	93	This act adds to the crime of identity theft knowingly using an instrument that contains the personal identifying information of another person to deceive a peace officer as to the actor's identity and criminalizes possession or control of a driver's license, government issued identification card, social security card, or passport without permission and makes the crime a predicate offense for racketeering..	6/1/2009
GA	S	82	This law relates to drivers licenses and identification cards including an appropriate work authorization issued by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services of the Department of Homeland Security, which shall contain the individual's name, address, and photograph.	5/5/2009

ID	S	1133	This act repeals, adds to and amends existing law to create the Driving Businesses Licensure Board in the Department of Self-governing Agencies requiring that driver education programs to be taught by individuals licensed by the state including those run by churches, synagogues, and refugee programs.	4/30/2009
IA	S	356	This act relates to Department of Transportation administrative procedures, requiring verification of status in regards to the driver's license of a foreign national.	5/22/2009
IN	H	1130	This law adds provisions concerning licenses, permits and identification cards for aliens lawfully admitted for temporary residence, provides that if a person is temporarily residing outside the state because of service in the armed forces, the driver's license, despite expiring, remains valid for 90 days following discharge from service in the armed forces.	5/6/2009
IN	S	391	This law relates to driver's licenses and identification cards, adds provisions concerning driver's licenses, driver's permits, and identification cards for aliens lawfully admitted for temporary residence in the United States.	5/13/2009
KY	H	444	This act amends license renewal requirements for a license to engage in the business of cashing checks or deferred deposit transactions and requires a deferred deposit service business licensee to submit an employment authorization alien number, if applicable.	3/25/2009
LA	H	621	This act provides for policies relative to the certification of foreign associate teachers; requires the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to provide for the type of certificate held by such teachers, certificate renewal, and continuing learning units, tests required for certification, growth of the Foreign Associate Teacher Program, and adding a foreign language indicator to the list of critical certification shortage areas.	6/15/2009
ME	S	55	This law allows a person under 18 years of age to transport a foreign exchange student that is living with that person's family.	3/23/2009
MD	H	387	This act prohibits the Motor Vehicle Administration from issuing or renewing an identification card, a moped operator's permit, or a license to drive unless the applicant provides evidence of their lawful status in the U.S. and evidence relating to a Social Security number, provides for temporary ID cards or drivers' licenses for applicants who have temporary lawful status in the U.S.	5/7/2009
MD	H	731	This act alters provisions of Baltimore and Howard County law to require citizenship information or documentation on an application for an alcoholic beverages license.	4/14/2009
MD	H	964	This act requires, in Prince George's County, that an application for an alcoholic beverages license contain a statement, if the applicant is not a United States citizen, that the applicant is in legal status in accordance with federal law and requires the applicant to show proof of the legal status.	5/7/2009
MN	H	988	This act relates to drivers' licenses, and prohibits the commissioner of public safety from complying with Real ID Act.	5/15/2009
NV	S	217	This act provides that certain applicants, including immigrants, for drivers' licenses, instruction permits, identification cards and commercial drivers' licenses may authorize the Department of Motor Vehicles to forward to the Selective Service System personal information necessary for registration with the System.	5/22/2009

NJ	S	16	This act requires the state commission to fix the expiration date of the license at a date based on the period in which an individual is authorized to be present in the United States under federal immigration law.	4/15/2009
ND	H	1161	This act relates to legal presence for obtaining an operator's license or nondriver identification card, license renewal fees and commercial driver's license fees.	4/16/2009
ND	H	1438	This act relates to temporary nonresident commercial driver's license and relates to an application for commercial driver's license issued by a state to an individual domiciled in a foreign country.	4/21/2009
OR	S	128	This act clarifies length of time for which limited term driver permit is valid, these permits apply to persons legally present in the United States on a temporary basis.	6/16/2009
SD	S	17	This act revises certain driver licensing and nondriver identification card provisions regarding the definition of lawful status or citizenship in the United States, provides for required documentation, includes minor permits and motorcycle permits, relates to social security numbers.	3/11/2009
TN	HJR	285	This resolution urges extension of deadlines for all phases of states' implementation of REAL ID Act of 2005 for at least an additional two years or repeal of Act in its entirety.	6/11/2009
TX	S	693	This act relates to the sale of an alcoholic beverage to a minor, relates to proof of identification that contains a photograph, provides that proof of identification may include a driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Public Safety, a passport or a military identification card.	6/19/2009
TX	H	2774	This act relates the licensing and regulation of certain persons involved in residential mortgage lending, providing that eligible mortgage brokers be citizens of the United States or lawfully admitted aliens.	6/19/2009
TX	H	3666	This act relates to the application for and issuance of a marriage license limited to United States citizens or lawful legal residents.	6/19/2009
TX	H	4152	This act provides for certification of an educator in Texas who is certified in another state or country and provides that a foreign educator who has submitted all documents and receives a certificate must also perform satisfactorily on the examination not later than the first anniversary of the date the Education Board completes the review of the educator's credentials and informs the educator of the examination or examinations on which the educator must perform successfully.	6/19/2009
UT	S	40	This act relates to lawful presence verification for issuance of a driver license or identification card.	3/25/2009
VA	H	1587	This act relates to the Real ID Act, provides that the Commonwealth will not participate in the compliance of any provision of the federal Real ID Act and of any other federal law, regulation, or policy that would compromise the economic privacy or the biometric data of any resident of the Commonwealth, includes financial information and fingerprints.	3/30/2009
WA	H	1052	This act concerns firearm licenses for persons from other countries, prohibits a person from carrying a firearm unless the person is a lawful permanent resident, has obtained a valid alien firearm license, or meets certain other requirements.	4/25/2009
WV	H	105	This act relates to retail licenses for the sale of liquor, while adding citizenship and character requirements.	6/17/2009
WV	S	1006	This act authorizes the certification of noncitizen teachers.	6/17/2009
WY	S	38	This act relates to the Federal REAL ID Act, and requires identification that complies with federal law and applicable regulations.	2/25/2009

VETOED

CO	H	1180	This bill specifies requirements for obtaining concealed handgun permits. Only U.S. citizens or lawful permanent alien residents are eligible for the permit.	5/15/2009
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TO GOVERNOR

AZ	H	2306	This bill requires that an applicant for a business license in the state execute a statement of citizenship or alien status prior to the issuance of such license. Individuals who have proven citizenship or permanent work authorization do not have to provide subsequent documentation for a license renewal.
DE	H	174	This bill authorizes the Recorder for New Castle County, Kent County and Sussex County to establish administrative procedures that allow for the redaction of sensitive identifying information from recorded instruments. Personal identifying information shall include: bank and credit card account numbers, the first five digits of a social security number, official State or government issued driver's license or identification numbers, alien registration numbers, government passport numbers and employer or taxpayer identification numbers
HI	H	1362	This bill requires licensure for individuals offering genetic counseling services and states that the applicant must be a United States citizen, a permanent resident, or is otherwise authorized to work in the United States.
IL	H	1150	This bill amends the Acupuncture Practice Act. Allows an invited guest acupuncturist from another state or country to engage in professional education if he or she is currently licensed in another state or country.
MO	H	361	This bill specifies that an applicant for a driver's license be a Missouri resident or a noncitizen with a lawful immigration status and a Missouri resident. The department of revenue shall not amend procedures for applying for a driver's license to comply with REAL ID.

LAW ENFORCEMENT (13)

Thirteen laws were enacted in eight states: Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and Virginia. Four bills in Arizona, Illinois, New Hampshire, and Oregon are pending Governor's approval. These laws generally deal with immigrant detention processes, bail determinations and law enforcement officer responsibilities.

AR	H	1338	This Act gives judges the authority to grant arrest warrants for unauthorized immigrants within six months from a previous arrest warrant with confirmation from Immigration and Customs Enforcement that the arrested person will be taken into federal custody.	3/10/2009
IA	S	340	This act relates to the federal Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act and makes reference to the registration of immigration documents of sex offenders.	5/21/2009
KS	S	237	This act prohibits traffic in contraband in a care and treatment facility; concerns scrap metal, junk vehicles and vehicle parts; requires the seller's sex, date of birth and the identifying number from the seller's driver's license, military identification card, passport or personal identification license; provides that the identifying number from an official governmental document for a country other than the United States may be used to meet this requirement provided that a legible fingerprint is also obtained.	4/13/2009

OK	S	1102	This act creates Juli's Law, requires persons convicted of assault and battery, domestic abuse, stalking, possession of a prohibited controlled dangerous substance, breaking and entering, illegal immigration, and various other crimes to submit to deoxyribonucleic acid DNA testing, and authorizes a sheriff to submit samples.	5/20/2009
OK	H	2245	This act creates the Criminal Illegal Alien Rapid Repatriation Act, authorizes release of prisoners to the custody of the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, authorizes renewal of private prison contracts, prohibits prison contractors from housing international terrorism detainees, authorizes housing of maximum security inmates, requires a contractor to report prisoner transfer information, authorizes the provision of state employee name and address information to state employee organizations.	6/2/2009
TN	H	218	This act relates to criminal offenses, requires certain actions by buyers and dealers of scrap jewelry and metal, and specifies acceptable documents including nonresident alien border crossing card, resident alien border crossing card, and INS identification.	5/21/2009
TN	H	1354	This act prohibits a local governmental entity or official from adopting any ordinance that prohibits a local governmental entity, official, or employee from complying with applicable federal law pertaining to persons that reside within the state illegally.	6/23/2009
TX	H	2730	This act relates to the continuation and functions of the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas and the Texas Private Security Board. One provision disqualifies an individual from a commercial driver's license if the vehicle is used in the commission of an offense related to transporting, concealing, or harboring aliens.	6/19/2009
TX	S	379	This act relates to the duties of the Texas Fusion Center, and requires an annual report regarding criminal street gangs that includes law enforcement strategies that have been proven effective in deterring gang-related crime and gang involvement in trafficking of persons.	6/19/2009
UT	H	64	The law grants the attorney general authority to administer and coordinate a multi-agency task force that combats violent crime and other major felonies related to illegal immigration.	3/20/2009
UT	H	100	This act requires the Department of Correction to develop and implement a recidivism reduction plan with specified educational entities and to make a report to specified committees on the plan and provides that only inmates lawfully present in the United States may participate in the education program.	3/25/2009
VA	H	2580	This act removes the Code provision that prohibits an arrest of an illegal alien who has been previously convicted of a felony and deported, more frequently than once every six months to allow arrests within the six-month period when confirmation has been received from Immigration and Customs Enforcement that the arrested person will be taken into federal custody.	3/30/2009
VA	H	2624	This act relates to the training of certain private correctional personnel employed by the Immigration Centers of America-Farmville by the Central Virginia Criminal Justice Academy, so long as such agreement provides for the reimbursement of the costs of such training.	3/25/2009

TO GOVERNOR

AZ	S	1188	This bill specifies appropriations, including funds for the arrest of illegal aliens.
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IL	S	1300	This bill amends the Criminal Code of 1961, concerning many topics including trafficking in persons.
NH	H	601	This bill raises the limit of recovery from the victim's assistance fund to \$100,000, removes the time limit on filing claims for compensation, and allows victims to be compensated for expenses associated with participation in post-conviction proceedings. An individual who is not a citizen or a legal alien is deemed eligible for the compensation.
OR	H	3508	This bill states that any individual subject to an outstanding deportation may not be pardoned by the Governor without an agreement between U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

LEGAL SERVICES (1)

OR	H	2085	This act modifies the list of documents upon which a notarial officer may rely in identifying a person; provides that allowable documents include a driver license or identity card, a current passport issued by the United States or a foreign country, a military identification card, or an identity card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe; provides that the fee for performing a notarial act may not exceed a specified amount; permits a public body to collect fees for notarial acts.	6/18/2009
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MISCELLANEOUS (28)

Twenty-eight laws were enacted in nineteen states: Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Illinois, Louisiana, Maine, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin. Five bills are pending Governor's approval in Illinois, Missouri, and Oregon. These laws provide for immigration related commissions and studies. This section also includes budget and appropriation laws referring to non-citizens.

AR	H	1287	This act makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations for the fiscal year including \$12,000 for a Refugee Resettlement Program.	4/9/2009
AZ	S	1001	This Act appropriates \$10 million for the multi-jurisdictional task force known as the gang and immigration intelligence team enforcement mission (GIITEM).	1/31/2009
CO	S	189	This law concerns a supplemental appropriation to the Department of Human Services including monies for refugee assistance.	3/12/2009
CO	S	259	This law enacts the Long Appropriations Bill, which includes provisions for refugees and non-citizens.	5/1/2009
CT	H	5664	This act concerns the award of ribbons and medals to qualified veterans for service in time of war, allows the ribbons and medals to be awarded to foreign nationals who aided the armed forces of the United States during periods of war.	6/2/2009
FL	S	2600	This act relates to appropriations including funding for refugee assistance.	5/27/2009
GA	S	20	No local governing body, whether acting through its governing body or by an initiative, referendum, or any other process, shall enact, adopt, implement, or enforce any sanctuary policy; provides for penalties.	5/5/2009
GA	H	118	This act provides appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009, known as the "General Appropriations Act," appropriates grants for Migrant Education and Refugee Assistance.	3/13/2009

GA	H	119	This act provides appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2010 and appropriates grants for Migrant Education and Refugee Assistance while reducing funds from Migrant Education.	5/11/2009
IA	H	822	This act establishes a cultural community grant program to provide grants for a cultural and educational center to showcase an immigrant community from Laos and Vietnam and their cultures.	5/26/2009
IA	S	469	This act requires that development assistance shall apply only to citizens of the United States or any other person authorized to work in the United States pursuant to federal law.	5/26/2009
IL	H	314	This act changes and adds line item appropriations to the State Board of Education and maintains current appropriation for refugee services.	6/26/2009
LA	H	521	This act creates an advisory council to propose ways to eliminate obstacles to the effective delivery of governmental services to Latin Americans.	6/25/2009
ME	H	199	This law repeals a requirement that an alien big game hunter be accompanied by a guide licensed by the state.	6/13/2009
ME	H	1028	This law amends sections of the Code relating to resident definition of United States citizens and aliens.	6/17/2009
MN	H	1362	This act relates to state government, establishes the health and human services budget and provides requirements for citizenship to be eligible for medical assistance.	5/14/2009
MN	S	2082	This act extends the commission on Ethnic Heritage and New Americans until June 2011.	5/16/2009
MO	H	10	This act appropriates money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Mental Health, Board of Public Buildings, and Department of Health and Senior Services including naturalization assistance to certain refugees and legal immigrants.	6/25/2009
MO	H	124	This act requires the Joint Committee on Terrorism, Bioterrorism, and Homeland Security to include the feasibility of compiling information relevant to immigration enforcement issues in their studies.	6/24/2009
NJ	A	4100	This act appropriates State funds and federal funds for the State budget for fiscal year 2009-2010 specifying assistance to immigrants, refugees, and criminal alien programs.	6/29/2009
NM	H	295	This act relates to intergovernmental relations, enacts the New Mexico-Sonora Commission Act, creates the New Mexico-Sonora commission to provide a forum for discussion and resolution of issues of mutual concern to New Mexico and the Mexican state of Sonora, provides for cooperative activities between the New Mexico and Sonora.	4/6/2009
NM	S	55	This act relates to the border authority and increases the purpose for which the border authority may expend funds.	3/31/2009
TX	S	1	This act relates to the General Appropriations Bill, which includes funding for immigrant and refugee related services.	6/19/2009
UT	H	38	This act provides that all interest or earnings from the Refugee Services Fund shall be deposited into the fund rather than in the General Fund.	3/23/2009
VA	H	1600	This act relates to the State Budget Bill which contains several provisions relating to migrant health centers.	4/8/2009
VA	H	2672	This act changes the name of the Department of Minority Business Enterprise to the Department of Supplier Diversity and Procurement Advocacy and clarifies that small, women-owned, and minority-owned businesses and their affiliates must be comprised of individuals who are U.S. citizens or legal resident aliens.	5/6/2009

WA	H	2327	This act eliminates or reduces the frequency of various reports prepared by state agencies, including reports relating to immigrant naturalization and other matters.	5/15/2009
WI	A	75	This act relates to state finances and appropriations, including assistance for refugee and migrant populations, and constitutes the Executive Budget Act of the 2009 Legislature.	6/29/2009

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IL	H	2206	Makes FY10 appropriations including allocations for refugee services.	
MO	S	464	This bill relates to insurance producers; provides guidelines for foreign or alien insurers.	
OR	S	5519	This bill appropriates moneys from General Fund to department for distribution as grants-in-aid and to purchase services including money allocated towards migrant education.	
OR	S	630	This bill creates the Task Force on Disproportionality in Child Welfare Foster Care, including one representative from the Refugee Welfare Child Advisory Committee.	
OR	H	2649	Establishes 7.5 percent Oregon alternative minimum tax for taxpayers with federal adjusted gross income exceeding \$125,000. Declares that nonresident aliens are ineligible for standard deductions.	

OMNIBUS / MULTI-ISSUE LEGISLATION (2)

Two laws were enacted in Georgia and Nebraska. One is pending in Missouri. These laws address multiple policies such as employment, law enforcement, and public benefits.

GA	H	2	This act relates to verification of new employee's work status; law enforcement; and verification of lawful presence for public benefits. This act requires every public employer, (including municipalities and counties), contractors and subcontractors to verify employment eligibility of all newly-hired employees with the federal work authorization program, effective January 1, 2010. No employer or agency or political subdivision shall be subject to lawsuit or liability arising from any act to comply with these requirements. Related to law enforcement: if a foreign national charged with a felony, driving under the influence, driving without a license, or with a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature, the jail officer shall make a reasonable effort to verify lawful status. Related to verification for public benefits, the act defines public benefits; requires applicants over 18 years of age to execute an affidavit verifying lawful presence; and requires an annual report from the Attorney General.	5/11/2009
NE	L	403	This act requires verification of lawful presence in the United States to receive public benefits, requires verification of work eligibility status for public employment, employment under public contracts and tax incentives under the Advantage Rural Development Act, prohibits membership in state retirement systems unless lawfully present, requires every public employer and every public contractor to use a federal immigration verification system.	4/8/2009

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MO	H	390	This bill addresses education, public benefits and employment. Related to education, the bill prohibits students who are unlawfully present from receiving certain types of financial aid. The bill specifies that postsecondary education public benefits, municipal permits and contracts or agreements between public utility providers and their customers will not be considered public benefits. The bill specifies that the requirement for certain businesses to participate in a federal work authorization program will not apply after the federal government discontinues or fails to authorize or implement the program. Public contractors are only required to provide affidavits of participation in the federal work authorization program annually. Onsite employees of a contractor or subcontractor on a public works project must complete a 10-hour Occupational Safety and Health Administration construction safety program or similar program.
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PUBLIC BENEFITS (11)

Eleven laws were enacted in eleven states: Connecticut, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma and Oregon. One bill is pending Governor's approval in Arizona. These laws relate to immigrant eligibility requirements for benefits and the provision of services to immigrants and migrant farmworkers.

CT	H	2106	This act implements various reforms to improve child welfare outcomes and requires that services be provided to international children who have entered the country by obtaining visas that meet the criteria for medical care as established by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service.	5/19/2009
FL	S	360	This act relates to housing assistance plans for specified populations including migrant farmworkers.	6/1/2009
ID	S	1110	This act amends existing law relating to restrictions on public benefits and adds documentation that may be used to verify lawful presence in the United States.	4/22/2009
IL	H	399	This act amends the Illinois Public Aid Code and extends aid to aged, blind and disabled persons for certain refugees or asylees who have become ineligible for federal Supplemental Security Income.	6/30/2009
MN	S	1503	This act requires that a child be a citizen of the United States to be eligible for state-funded adoption assistance.	5/22/2009
NJ	A	4108	This act relates to taxation of certain lines of insurance; addresses unauthorized foreign and alien insurers.	6/29/2009
NM	S	248	This act relates to child abuse and neglect; addresses undocumented immigrant children and special immigrant juvenile status; amends sections of the children's code and other laws, replaces the juvenile parole board with a juvenile public safety advisory board.	4/7/2009
NC	H	1106	This law relates to adoption, providing that a couple who jointly adopted a child in a foreign country while married must readopt jointly, even if divorced.	6/26/2009
ND	H	1090	This act relates to child care assistance, eligibility and applications for benefits, includes tribal entities, and requires verification of citizenship or resident alien status of the children.	5/1/2009

OK	H	2028	This act relates to custody and guardianship of children including unaccompanied refugee minors. The act outlines support obligations, foster care by relatives, attorneys for indigent children, consent to medical, mental health and dental care, training of judges, guardians ad litem, protective custody, at-risk infants, the taking of a child into custody at a hospital, the taking of testimony from a child, adoptions, individualized service plans, children's shelters, child abuse reporting, delinquent children, payment of a minor's wages, and other matters.	5/21/2009
OR	S	10	This act requires the Department of Human Services to establish rules, policies and procedures to implement the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption.	6/23/2009

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AZ	S	1035	This bill relates to budget reconciliation and eligibility for public benefits, requires a state driver license, identification license, birth certificate, certificate of birth abroad, passport, I-94 form, refugee travel document, employment authorization document, certificate of naturalization, certificate of citizenship or tribal certificate of birth or blood.
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VOTING (3)

Three laws were enacted in Georgia and Washington.

GA	H	549	This act relates to voter registration, provides for transmittal of information to the Secretary of State regarding jurors who declare themselves as not being a citizen of the United States.	4/30/2009
GA	S	86	This act relates to registration of voters, provides that persons applying to register to vote shall provide proof of United States citizenship prior to the acceptance of registrations, provides for acceptable forms of proof of citizenship and naturalization.	5/5/2009
WA	S	5270	This act revises various provisions relating to voter registration and declares that the Secretary of State may, upon agreement with other appropriate jurisdictions, use the databases maintained by federal agencies including the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services to screen for voters ineligible to vote for lack of citizenship.	5/6/2009

RESOLUTIONS (115)

115 resolutions and memorials were adopted in twenty-seven states: Alabama, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Montana, New Jersey, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin, and West Virginia. Most of these resolutions and memorials celebrate America's ethnic heritage and others applaud programs or individuals that serve refugees or immigrants. Twelve of the resolutions urge Congress to: support funding; expedite naturalization; change requirements for enhanced driver's license; develop a balanced national immigration policy; promote travel to the United States by overseas visitors; permanently extend e-verify; grant state waivers to establish a temporary work program; and establish health insurance to provide every U.S. resident (U.S. citizen, national, or lawful resident alien) with health care services.

AL	HR	109	This resolution commends Gloria Cook Howard, south eastern regional representative to International Connection Committee, Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. As an educational specialist Gloria Cook Howard coordinates and provides leadership and supervision in the development, implementation, and evaluation of the Homeless and Migrant Education Programs.	2/12/2009
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AL	HR	617	This resolution commends the 2009 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program for its provision of services without charge to low and moderate income families, legal immigrants, and the disabled.	4/14/2009
AL	HR	1037	This resolution commends Blaine Galliher for receiving the Principled Conservative Award from the Alabama House of Representatives' Republican Caucus. Representative Blaine Galliher has sponsored and co-sponsored vital legislation relating to the issue of Immigration Reform, recognizing the high cost to Alabamians in increased health care expenses, social services, law enforcement, and control of illegal drug activity and seeking viable and fiscally responsible solutions to this multi-faceted issue.	5/15/2009
AL	SJR	65	This resolution expresses legislative intent regarding bills with required citizenship language for applicants for licensure to apply to physically present persons who are not legally present.	3/30/2009
CA	ACR	9	This resolution proclaims January 13, 2009, as Korean-American Day. This day celebrates the contributions of Korean-Americans and recognizes the challenges overcome by Korean immigrants in becoming patriotic citizens of the United States.	3/27/2009
CA	ACR	21	This resolution declares February 19, 2009, as a Day of Remembrance in order to increase public awareness of the events surrounding the internment of Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War II.	4/1/2009
CA	ACR	70	This resolution recognizes May, 2009, as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.	6/3/2009
CA	AJR	2	This resolution urges the U.S. government to urge the Mexican government to extend the deadline for braceros, Mexican nationals who worked in the U.S. beginning in 1942 as part of a labor importation program to alleviate a labor shortage during World War II, to submit a claim to recover unpaid wages from a specified settlement fund.	6/16/2009
CA	SCR	17	This resolution designates March 2009 as Irish American Heritage Month.	6/2/2009
CA	SCR	19	This resolution designates May 2009 as Jewish American Heritage Month. This month recognizes the challenges overcome by Jewish immigrants to California in their pursuit of a better life.	5/14/2009
CO	HJR	1014	This resolution encourages law enforcement agencies to apply for federal grants to help offset the costs of implementing the COPLINK program if they are not able to pay for the program on their own. According to the Report of the Governor's Working Group on Law Enforcement and Illegal Immigration, one increasing cost is the communication problems created among different criminal justice agencies, law enforcement jurisdictions, and municipal courts when implementing the COPLINK program.	5/5/2009
CO	SJR	29	This resolution concerns recognition of Cesar Chavez Day. Cesar Chavez, who was raised by migrant farm workers, tirelessly devoted himself to making all people aware of the struggles of farm workers and their need for better pay and safer working conditions.	3/31/2009
CO	SJR	52	The resolution designates Colorado Refugee Day to bring attention to the plight of the 14 million refugees around the world, more than half of whom are children or adolescents, who live without material, social, or legal protections.	4/23/2009

FL	H	9089	Whereas, Greek immigrants infused the city of Tarpon Springs with their rich history, culture, and values, this resolution designates month of March 2009 as Hellenic History Month in Florida.	4/16/2009
FL	S	2826	The resolution recognizes the tireless work of Paul Vasquez including his work with immigrants in Florida and expresses condolences to his family and friends on his untimely death.	5/1/2009
GA	SR	170	This resolution recognizes February 10, 2009, as "Community Health Centers Day". This day commemorates the provision of high quality primary and preventative health care to a large number of underinsured, elderly, homeless, immigrants, and other vulnerable populations, without regard to income status, cultural or ethnic heritage, or disease conditions	2/10/2009
GA	SR	565	This resolution recognizes March 12, 2009, as Catholic Day at the state Capitol in part for its continued efforts to serve all people including refugees and immigrants.	3/10/2009
HI	HCR	16	This resolution encourages state and county action to stimulate individual savings and development of credit and to formulate an inventory of banking services available to low-income persons and those with no credit history in the state including immigrants.	4/30/2009
HI	HCR	158	This resolution urges strongly, the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Congress to provide additional federal aid to the state of Hawaii for the provision of various state services to migrants from the compact of Free Association Nations.	4/30/2009
HI	HCR	207	This resolution requests a joint agency study on the impact of illegal immigration in Hawaii.	5/6/2009
HI	HCR	246	This resolution includes the creation of a task force including a representative from the Hawaii Immigrant Justice Center to develop a comprehensive policy to address teen dating violence and abuse.	4/30/2009
HI	HCR	298	This resolution urges the U.S. President and Senators and Congress members to enact legislation to expedite immigrant visas for family reunification of certain Filipino veterans of World War II.	4/30/2009
HI	HR	126	This resolution urges strongly, the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Congress to provide additional federal aid to the state of Hawaii for the provision of various state services to migrants from the compact of Free Association Nations.	4/17/2009
HI	HR	168	This resolution requests a joint agency study on the impact of illegal immigration in Hawaii.	4/17/2009
HI	HR	214	This resolution includes the creation of a task force including a representative from the Hawaii Immigrant Justice Center to develop a comprehensive policy to address teen dating violence and abuse.	4/9/2009
HI	SCR	62	This resolution urges strongly, the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Congress to provide additional federal aid to the state of Hawaii for the provision of various state services to migrants from the compact of Free Association Nations.	4/27/2009
HI	SR	86	This resolution requests a joint agency study on the impact of illegal immigration in Hawaii.	4/17/2009
IL	HR	328	This resolution congratulates Margit C. Bouelle, a daughter of Swedish immigrants, on the occasion of her 80th birthday.	4/29/2009
IL	HR	335	This resolution honors Father Gary Graf, a champion of the cause of the undocumented immigrant, for his many years of dedicated service to the citizens of Waukegan and the congregation of the Holy Family Parish.	5/5/2009

IL	HR	347	This resolution congratulates Linda McDermott, Clerk of the Village of Roselle and a volunteer for refugee resettlement, on her retirement.	5/5/2009
IL	HR	398	This resolution congratulates the congregation of the St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Rockford, established in 1909 to minister to the Italian immigrants, on the occasion of the church's 100th anniversary.	5/14/2009
IL	HR	399	This resolution honors Father Gary Graf, a champion of the cause of the undocumented immigrant, for his many years of dedicated service to the citizens of Waukegan and the congregation of the Holy Family Parish.	5/15/2009
IL	SR	248	This resolution mourns the death of Anthony A. Antoniou, the son of Greek immigrants, of Oak Brook.	4/30/2009
IN	HR	84	This resolution recognizes the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, which helps to resettle 500 refugee families from across the world, on its 175th anniversary.	4/23/2009
LA	HR	80	This resolution requests the House Committee on Commerce to study the underbanked and unbanked citizens of Louisiana including immigrants.	6/24/2009
MI	HR	11	This resolution memorializes the U.S. President, the Congress, and the Department of Homeland Security to change requirements, agreements, and memorandums of understanding relating to the creation of Enhanced Drivers Licenses.	3/26/2009
MI	HR	74	This resolution memorializes Congress to rewrite the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) to protect at risk populations such as immigrants.	4/30/2009
MT	SJR	6	This resolution urges 24 hour protection for Turner port of entry.	3/16/2009
ND	SCR	4003	This resolution expresses support for the development of a balanced national immigration policy, urges Congress to work to develop a policy that protects and preserves the safety and interests of the United States and its citizens while recognizing the needs of businesses to have a stable and legal supply of workers.	3/20/2009
ND	SCR	4016	This resolution urges the Congress of the United States and the President to enact federal legislation promoting travel to the United States by overseas visitors, thereby promoting the economies of communities across North Dakota and the United States.	4/14/2009
NJ	SR	85	This resolution advocates saving Ellis Island by raising public awareness of its role in America's heritage and need for rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of its buildings.	2/23/2009
NM	HM	25	This resolution requests the courts, corrections and justice committee to study whether to propose including a "vulnerable victim" aggravator in New Mexico law for crimes against certain persons including immigrants.	3/3/2009
NM	SJM	24	This resolution recognizes Albuquerque international district.	3/21/2009
NV	ACR	24	This resolution encourages the celebration of America's immigrant Roots.	4/1/2009
OK	HR	1043	This resolution disapproves of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's assessment report concerning Rightwing Extremism as individuals who oppose abortion, illegal immigration and certain military veterans, who support Second Amendment gun rights and who might be critical of the federal government.	4/29/2009

OK	SR	42	This resolution disagrees with the Obama Administration's characterization of Rightwing Extremism as individuals who oppose abortion, illegal immigration and certain military veterans, who support Second Amendment gun rights and who might be critical of the federal government.	4/22/2009
PA	HR	152	This resolution declares March 2009 as Irish American Heritage Month in Pennsylvania.	3/17/2009
PA	SR	44	This resolution declares March 2009 as Irish American Heritage Month in Pennsylvania.	3/10/2009
PA	HR	385	This resolution honors Emmaus, Pennsylvania, which was settled by German immigrants on the occurrence of its 250th anniversary.	6/30/2009
RI	H	5692	This resolution commemorates the 165th anniversary of Dominican Republic independence on February 27, 2009 and recognizes the strong business ethic within Rhode Island's Dominican community and local businesses owned by Dominican immigrants.	2/25/2009
RI	H	5944	This resolution extends congratulations to U.S. Representative Luis V. Gutierrez and his dedication to address the harm caused to citizens across our nation in the absence of comprehensive immigration reform.	3/3/2009
RI	H	5994	This resolution designates the month of March annually as "Irish-American Heritage Month" in the state of Rhode Island.	3/17/2009
RI	H	5995	This resolution commemorates the celebration of St. Patrick's Day and recognizes the contributions of Irish Immigrants to the cultural foundation of Rhode Island.	3/17/2009
RI	H	5996	This resolution commemorates the celebration of St. Joseph's Day and recognizes the contributions of Italian Immigrants to the cultural foundation of Rhode Island.	3/17/2009
RI	H	6048	This resolution honors Cesar Estrada Chavez (1927-1993) for his many contributions to the Community Service Organization in San Jose, California including his assistance to immigrants.	3/26/2009
RI	H	6182	This resolution proclaims May 2009 as Asian Pacific Heritage Month in the State.	5/7/2009
RI	S	664	This resolution commemorates the 165th anniversary of Dominican Republic Independence on February 27, 2009 and recognizes the strong business ethic within Rhode Island's Dominican community and local businesses owned by Dominican immigrants.	2/26/2009
RI	S	793	This resolution commemorates the celebration of St. Patrick's Day and recognizes the contributions of Irish Immigrants to the cultural foundation of Rhode Island.	3/18/2009
RI	S	794	This resolution commemorates the celebration of St. Joseph's Day and recognizes the contributions of Italian Immigrants to the cultural foundation of Rhode Island.	3/18/2009
RI	S	981	This resolution congratulates Veazie Street School on the occasion of their 100th anniversary and celebrates the school's continued work with immigrants.	6/11/2009
SC	H	4035	This resolution recognizes and honor Dr. Angela Brown Burkhalter, upon the occasion of her retirement, for her years of devoted service to the state as an educator including her organization of a volunteer program that teaches English as a second language to Vietnamese refugees.	5/13/2009
SC	S	428	This resolution memorializes the congress of the United States to make permanent the e-verify program.	2/26/2009

SD	SC	1	Whereas South Dakota's Czech immigrants have enriched our state's culture, this resolution honors and supports Czech Days in Tabor on the occasion of its sixty-first anniversary.	1/16/2009
TN	HJR	285	This resolution urges extension of deadlines for all phases of states implementation of REAL ID Act of 2005 for at least an additional two years or repeal of Act in its entirety.	5/28/2009
TN	HJR	687	This resolution memorializes the death of Johnny Hayes, a voice of reason in the often acrimonious national debate on immigration policy.	6/25/2009
TX	HR	203	This resolution congratulates Melissa Castano of Edinburg on being named a 2008 Student of the Year by the Migrant Student Graduation Enhancement Program of The University of Texas at Austin.	2/9/2009
TX	HR	261	This resolution welcomes the visiting delegation from Catholic Charities and commends the organization for its many good works including its programs and services for refugees and immigrants.	2/17/2009
TX	HR	304	This resolution commemorates the third anniversary of the Dallas Mega March for American Values and Justice on April 9, 2009 in support of immigration reform.	2/26/2009
TX	HR	321	This resolution commemorates the fourth anniversary of the Dallas Mega March for American Values and Justice on April 9, 2010 in support of immigration reform.	2/26/2009
TX	HR	792	This resolution honors the contributions of Texans of Irish descent on the event of St. Patrick's Day 2009.	3/17/2009
TX	HR	897	This resolution recognizes March 31 to April 23, 2009, as Cesar Chavez Farmworker Appreciation Month, for his many contributions including his work with migrants.	3/31/2009
TX	HR	975	This resolution recognizes April 8, 2009, as St. Edward's University Day at the State Capitol in part because of its College Assistance Migrant Program which has given migrant students access to higher education for nearly four decades.	4/8/2009
TX	HR	1360	This resolution honors the memory of Clara F. Santikos of Houston an immigrant from Greece who became a citizen in 1952.	4/27/2009
TX	HR	1469	This resolution recognizes April 21, 2009 as West Day at the State Capitol. This vibrant community named after Thomas West drew many immigrants from Czechoslovakia whose identity and culture is now woven into the identity of West.	4/21/2009
TX	HR	1544	This resolution congratulates La Mujer Obrera on the development of Centro Mayapan Festival Marketplace in El Paso.	4/29/2009
TX	HR	1546	This resolution honors the memory of Chicano and civil rights activist Benito R. Abeytia of Phoenix, Arizona.	4/30/2009
TX	HR	1608	This resolution recognizes La Feria city commissioner John Hernandez for his contributions to his community and his country. In his boyhood, Mr. Hernandez joined his migrant family in agricultural labor that took them north every harvest season.	5/4/2009
TX	HR	1629	This resolution honors the Greater Dallas Section of the National Council of Jewish Women for its outstanding community service.	4/30/2009
TX	HR	1660	This resolution honors Carlos Dantes Mejias, an immigrant from Cuba, for his participation in the Texas Legislative Internship Program.	5/12/2009
TX	HR	1759	This resolution recognizes May 2009 as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.	5/18/2009

TX	HR	1769	This resolution congratulates Deyanira Castillo on being named a 2009 Student of the Year by the Migrant Student Graduation Enhancement Program of The University of Texas at Austin.	5/11/2009
TX	HR	1782	This resolution congratulates retired Brigadier General Jose Riojas of El Paso on his nomination as assistant secretary for operations, security and preparedness of the Department of Veterans Affairs.	5/11/2009
TX	HR	1790	This resolution commends Dallas Area Interfaith for its goals and achievements including its support for comprehensive immigration reform.	5/11/2009
TX	HR	1921	This resolution commemorates the 125th anniversary of the founding of First Lutheran Church by Norwegian immigrants in Waco.	5/14/2009
TX	HR	2096	This resolution honors Nathan Selzer and Hortencia Armendariz on their work in behalf of immigrants, workers, women, and children as community organizers in the Rio Grande Valley.	5/19/2009
TX	HR	2234	This resolution honors Gloria Reyes Garcia of Raymondville for her myriad achievements including her work with migrants.	5/25/2009
TX	HR	2369	This resolution commends Candelario Barragan, the son of migrant farm workers, of El Paso for his exceptional achievements in education.	5/26/2009
TX	SR	41	This resolution congratulates Arturo J. Banuelas of El Paso for receiving the Adelante Con Ganas Award as a result of his work with migrants, farm workers, and the county's poor and disenfranchised..	1/26/2009
TX	SR	227	This resolution welcomes the delegation from Catholic Charities to the State Capitol. Among the many programs and services provided by Catholic Charities and Parish Social Ministry programs are adoption, basic personal-living needs, counseling, disaster response, education and enrichment, housing, food banks, and health, refugee, immigration, and social support.	5/31/2009
TX	SR	574	This resolution recognizes April 8, 2009, as Saint Edward's University Day at the State Capitol. Saint Edward's has maintained its commitment to a low student-to-faculty ratio and has initiated programs to fulfill the needs of its diverse students, such as the College Assistance Migrant Program that has provided college education to migrant students for 37 years.	4/8/2009
TX	SR	628	This resolution congratulates Kelly-Ann F. Clarke, an immigrant from Kinston, Jamaica, for her election as Chair of the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division.	4/15/2009
TX	SR	738	This resolution congratulates the Spoetzl Brewery in Shiner, founded by Czech and German immigrants, on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.	4/29/2009
TX	SR	876	This resolution recognizes the San Benito Consolidated Independent School District, which offers migrant and bilingual education, on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.	5/8/2009
TX	SR	926	This resolution recognizes October 23, 2009, as the Day of the Migrants in Hidalgo County.	5/15/2009
TX	SR	1014	This resolution congratulates Candelario Barragan, the son of migrant farm workers, for receiving the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award.	5/26/2009
TX	HR	2480	This resolution honors Thomas F. "Tom" Roberts for his service as sheriff and recognizes his work with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in the apprehension of a number of illegal aliens.	5/28/2009

TX	HR	2862	This resolution honors Minerva Rodriguez for her service to the Roma Independent School District and admires her exceptional performance as a migrant recruiter.	6/1/2009
TX	HR	2954	This resolution congratulates Dr. Elba Garcia, a former immigrant from Mexico City, on her selection as the 2009 Woman of the Year by the Women's Council of Dallas County.	6/1/2009
TX	HR	2988	This resolution commemorates the centennial of Magnolia Park in Houston, one of the first Mexican American communities in Houston.	6/1/2009
TX	HR	3010	This resolution honors Salvador Balcorta of El Paso for his service to his community including his work with underprivileged groups such as immigrants.	6/1/2009
TX	HR	3115	This resolution congratulates Clif Tramel on his selection as the 2009 Miss Anna Hackett Teacher of the Year by the Weatherford Independent School District, in part for his work with immigrants from Mexico.	6/1/2009
TX	SR	1027	This resolution commending Gloria Reyes Garcia of Raymondville for her achievements and for her work with migrants.	5/26/2009
TX	HCR	226	This resolution commemorates the 125th anniversary of the Lucchese Boot Company which was founded by Italian immigrants.	6/19/2009
TX	SCR	10	This resolution urges congress to provide emergency funding and resources to begin immediately addressing increasing delays at U.S. ports of entry on the Texas-Mexico border.	6/19/2009
UT	SCR	1	This resolution urges the U.S. Congress to grant the state waivers to establish an employer-sponsored work program and to withhold federal FICA and Medicare revenue and apply it toward the costs of the program to address illegal immigration in the state.	3/11/2009
VA	HJR	879	This resolution relates to celebrating the life of Nguyen Tu Cuong, who served as an advisor to new immigrants making a transition into the United States.	2/19/2009
VA	HJR	989	This resolution relates to commending Escuela Bolivia, Inc. on the occasion of its 10th anniversary. Escuela Bolivia, Inc., an outstanding nonprofit organization located in Arlington, is recognized for its dedicated service to immigrant families and the Northern Virginia community in 2008.	2/25/2009
VA	HR	69	This resolution relates to commending the Vietnamese Boat People who have lived as refugees in countries across the world while seeking asylum from Communist-controlled Vietnam.	2/28/2009
VA	SJR	412	This resolution notes the General Assembly's concern regarding and repudiation of human trafficking in the Commonwealth, and requests the Governor to call upon local governments, law enforcement, and the people of the Commonwealth, through appropriate awareness programs and efforts, to work cooperatively to eradicate human trafficking in Virginia.	2/24/2009
VT	HJR	27	This resolution urges Congress to enact H.R. 676, the National Health Insurance Act or in the alternative, S.703, the American Health Security Program, providing every U.S. resident who is a U.S. citizen, national, or lawful resident alien with health care services.	5/7/2009
VT	HR	12	This resolution relates to the treatments of individuals at the U.S. and Canadian ports of entry along the Vermont-Quebec international border.	4/10/2009

VT	HR	21	This resolution urges the federal government to approve Canadian provincial enhanced driver's licenses as meeting the land and sea border requirements of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative.	5/9/2009
WI	AJR	9	This resolution relates to proclaiming May 15, 16, and 17, 2009, Syttende Mai Weekend. Whereas, Norwegian immigrants have made countless contributions to the cultures of Wisconsin and other regions of the United States, "Syttende Mai," Norwegian for "May 17," celebrates the anniversary of the 1814 signing of the Norwegian Constitution that declared Norway's independence from Denmark	5/13/2009
WI	SJR	17	This resolution relates to proclaiming March of every year as Irish-American Heritage Month.	3/26/2009
WV	HR	50	This resolution commemorates the life of the Honorable Eustace Frederick, civic leader, business leader and innovator, member of the West Virginia House of Delegates and distinguished West Virginian. Eustace Frederick was born on August 29, 1930, in Switchback, West Virginia, and was the son of the late Eustace and Annie Frederick, both of whom immigrated from Russia to pursue the American Dream.	4/9/2009



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