



## The National Organization of Portuguese-Americans Legislative Alert January 27, 2010

Congress took a step back this Tuesday from a quick push to pass President Obama's health care overhaul, making it more difficult to find a workable strategy to salvage legislation that has consumed Congress for more than a year. A week after the loss of a Massachusetts Senate seat, which cost Democrats a filibuster-proof majority in the Senate, leaders are still casting about for a way forward. Given the congressional schedule, it could be weeks before any chance of action on health reform.

The President will give his State of the Union address this evening and is expected to focus mainly on jobs, the economy, deficits and debt. Next week, on February 1<sup>st</sup>, the President will release his budget proposal for 2011.

Below are a couple of immigration related bills from the past two weeks that could potentially impact members of our community. Please contact NOPA at [info@nopa-us.org](mailto:info@nopa-us.org) or 703-389-3512 if you have questions or concerns on any this alert's content.

### Important Legislation - Immigration

#### January 20

In the Senate:

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. ROBERTS):

**S. 2935.** A bill to clarify that the revocation of an alien's visa or other documentation is not subject to judicial review; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

In the House:

By Mr. SMITH of Texas (for himself and Mr. HOEKSTRA):

**H.R. 4471.** A bill to clarify that revocation of an alien's visa or other documentation is not subject to judicial review; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### January 21

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. LEMIEUX, and Mr. ISAKSON):

**S. 2944.** A bill to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of State to refuse or revoke visas to aliens if in the security or foreign policy interests of the United States, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to review all visa applications before adjudication, and to provide for the immediate dissemination of visa revocation information; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

### The NOPA Legislative Alert



As a part of NOPA's mission to empower Portuguese-Americans, this Legislative Alert is sent out every two weeks as pertinent developments occur in order to keep the community informed of legislative action at the national level. This objective, non-partisan report aims to educate those interested about action on Capitol Hill that may affect the Portuguese-American community at large.

The source for all Congressional legislation information on this report was the THOMAS system from The Library of Congress (<http://thomas.loc.gov/>). Links for each of the bills listed above direct readers to the THOMAS web page specific to the bill.

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