

Bilbray Supports H.R. 2022 To Grant Soviet Jews Refugee Visas

Congressman Bilbray voted for H.R. 2022, which establishes categories of Soviet and Indochinese refugees who automatically qualify for American refugee visa status.

"This bill will permit the thousands of persecuted Jews who have at last been allowed to escape to enter the United States. Many of these Soviet Jews were denied exit visas for many years, and suffered discrimination and persecution for seeking to leave the communist country. Now that thousands have been released from the Soviet Union and are waiting in Europe, this bill will clear the last bottleneck and allow them to resettle in a land of religious freedom, the United States."

There are thousands of Soviet Jews who have been able to leave the Soviet Union, but are waiting in Europe as the administration individually

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arms sales he alluded to during his June 22 testimony.

He also challenged Baker's comment at the hearing that there is "knee-jerk opposition" in Congress to arms sales to Arab countries.

Since 1980, Congress has fought "only a fraction of proposed sales to Arab states, in general, and to Saudi Arabia, in particular," Levine wrote.

Questioned about Levine's letter, a State Department official said that there was "no intention to catch anyone by surprise" in proposing the arms sales.

All three were part of "longstanding contracts for service and maintenance," and were included in an annual report to Congress detailing the year's anticipated arms sales, the official said.

reviews their applications for refugee visas. Until recently U.S. policy classified all Soviet Jews allowed to emigrate as refugees due to the historic persecution of Jews by the communist government. Then last summer, as the Soviet Union allowed more Jews to emigrate, the Reagan administration changed its visa policy and required each applicant to provide evidence that he or she has a "Well-founded fear of persecution" in the Soviet Union. As a result thousands of refugees found themselves in limbo; they had finally escaped communist oppression but had not been accepted for resettlement into the free world.

When enacted into law, this bill will accelerate the application process for most Soviet Jews since they would qualify for refugee status without having to provide individual proof of persecution or possibly suffer arbitrary rejection or delay.

"Since last summer, the administration policy has been an international embarrassment," said Bilbray. "For years the federal government has urged the Soviet Union to allow free emigration, yet the administration's own policy changes have blocked free emigration and resettlement. This bill at last will make free emigration from the Soviet Union a reality again."

The bill requires the administration to establish categories of refugees that automatically qualify for American refugee visa status, and mandates that Soviet Jews, persecuted Soviet Evangelicals, and certain categories of Indochinese refugees be included in such categories until September 1, 1990.

The bill also would allow those who have been denied refugee status since the change in policy last summer to reapply immediately.

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