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U.S. SENATE REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS APPEAR TO HAVE REACHED ACCORD WITH RESPECT TO SWEEPING NEW IMMIGRATION LEGISLATION

Republicans and Democrats in the U.S. Senate have reached an apparent accord with respect to a bipartisan legislative proposal for sweeping changes in U.S. immigration programs. The proposal would increase border enforcement, and upon certification that certain border enforcement initiatives have been completed, provide for additional benefits for temporary workers under a new nonimmigrant classification. Provision is also made for a form of legalization for existing undocumented workers, while additional immigrant visa numbers would be made available to alleviate backlogs in immigrant visa availability under the annual quota system. Additionally, a points-based program would be implemented to ultimately replace existing employment-based immigrant visa petitioning processes. As always, Tindall & Foster, P.C. will monitor the progress of immigration-related legislative proposals through the lawmaking process and will provide additional information as it becomes available via future Tindall & Foster Email Bulletins and on the Tindall & Foster web site at TindallFoster.com.