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this Act or who otherwise acquire such status after such date.

(2) The amendments made by subsection (b) apply to aliens without regard to the date the aliens enter the United States.

(3) The amendments made by subsection (c) apply to periods occurring on or after the date of the enactment of this Act and shall not have the effect of excluding (in the determination of a period of continuous physical presence in the United States) any period before the date of the enactment of this Act.

VISA WAIVER FOR CERTAIN VISITORS

Sec. 213. (a) Section 212 (8 U.S.C. 1182) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsections:

"(1)(I) The Attorney General and the Secretary of State are authorized to establish a pilot program (hereinafter in this subsection referred to as the 'program') under which the requirement of paragraph (2)(B) of subsection (a) may be waived by the Attorney General and the Secretary of State, acting jointly and in accordance with this subsection, in the case of an alien who—

"(A) is applying for admission during the pilot program period (as defined in paragraph (5)) as a nonimmigrant visitor (described in section 101(a)(15)(B)) for a period not exceeding ninety days;

"(B) is a national of a country which—

"(i) extends or agrees to extend reciprocal privileges to citizens and nationals of the United States, and

"(ii) is designated as a pilot country under paragraph (3);

"(C) before such admission completes such immigration form as the Attorney General shall establish under paragraph (2)(C) and executes a waiver of review and appeal described in paragraph (2)(D);

"(D) has a round trip, nonrefundable, nontransferable, open-dated transportation ticket which—

"(i) is issued by a carrier which has entered into an agreement described in paragraph (4), and

"(ii) guarantees transport of the alien out of the United States at the end of the alien's visit; and

"(E) has been determined not to represent a threat to the welfare, safety, or security of the United States;

except that no such alien may be admitted without a visa pursuant to this subsection if the alien failed to comply with the conditions of any previous admission as a nonimmigrant.

"(2)(A) The program may not be put into operation until the end of the thirty-day period beginning on the date that the Attorney General submits to the Congress a certification that the screening and monitoring system described in subparagraph (B) is operational and that the form described in subparagraph (C) has been produced.

"(B) The Attorney General in cooperation with the Secretary of State shall develop and establish an automated data arrival and departure control system to screen and monitor the arrival and departure into the United States of nonimmigrant visitors receiving a visa waiver under the program.

"(C) The Attorney General shall develop a form for use under the program. Such form shall be consistent and compatible with the control system developed under subparagraph (B). Such form shall provide for, among other items—

"(i) a summary description of the conditions for excluding nonimmigrant visitors from the United States under subsection (a) and this subsection,

"(ii) a description of the conditions of entry with a waiver under this subsection, including the limitation of such entry to

ninety days and the consequences of failure to abide by such conditions, and

"(iii) questions for the alien to answer concerning any previous denial of the alien's application for a visa.

"(D) An alien may not be provided a waiver under this subsection unless the alien has waived any right (i) to review or appeal under the Act of an immigration officer's determination as to the admissibility of the alien at the port of entry into the United States or (ii) to contest, other than on the basis of an application for asylum, any action for deportation against the alien.

"(3)(A) The Attorney General and the Secretary of State acting jointly may designate up to eight countries as pilot countries for purposes of this subsection.

"(B) For the period beginning after the thirty-day period described in paragraph (2)(A) and ending on the last day of the first fiscal year which begins after such thirty-day period, a country may not be designated as a pilot country unless—

"(i) the average number of refusals of nonimmigrant visitor visas for nationals of that country during the two previous full fiscal years was less than 2 per centum of the total number of nonimmigrant visitor visas for nationals of that country which were granted or refused during those years, and

"(ii) the average number of refusals of nonimmigrant visitor visas for nationals of that country during either of such two previous full fiscal years was less than 2.5 per centum of the total number of nonimmigrant visitor visas for nationals of that country which were granted or refused during that year.

"(C) For each fiscal year (within the pilot program period) after the period specified in subparagraph (B)—

"(i) in the case of a country which was a pilot country in the previous fiscal year, a country may not be designated as a pilot country unless the sum of—

"(I) the total of the number of nationals of that country who were excluded from admission or withdrew their application for admission during such previous fiscal year as a nonimmigrant visitor, and

"(II) the total number of nationals of that country who were admitted as nonimmigrant visitors during previous fiscal year and who violated the terms of such admission,

was less than 2 per centum of the total number of nationals of that country who applied for admission as nonimmigrant visitors during such previous fiscal year, or

"(ii) in the case of another country, the country may not be designated as a pilot country unless—

"(I) the average number of refusals of nonimmigrant visitor visas for national of that country during the two previous full fiscal years was less than 2 per centum of the total number of nonimmigrant visitor visas for nationals of that country which were granted or refused during those years, and

"(II) the average number of refusals of nonimmigrant visitor visas for nationals of that country during either of such two previous full fiscal years was less than 2.5 per centum of the total number of nonimmigrant visitor visas for nationals of that country which were granted or refused during that year.

"(4) The agreement referred to in paragraph (1)(D)(i) is an agreement between a carrier and the Attorney General under which the carrier agrees, in consideration of the waiver of the visa requirement with respect to a nonimmigrant visitor under this subsection—

"(A) to indemnify the United States against any costs for the transportation of the alien from the United States if the visitor is refused admission to the United States or remains in the United States unlawfully after the ninety-day period described in paragraph (1)(A)(i), and

"(B) to submit daily to immigration officers any immigration forms received with respect to nonimmigrant visitors provided a waiver under this subsection.

The Attorney General may terminate such an agreement with five days' notice to the carrier for the carrier's failure to meet the terms of such agreement.

"(5) For purposes of this subsection, the term 'pilot program period' means the period beginning at the end of the thirty-day period referred to in paragraph (2)(A) and ending on the last day of the third fiscal year which begins after such thirty-day period.

"(6) The Attorney General and the Secretary of State shall jointly monitor the program and shall report to the Congress not later than two years after the beginning of the pilot program, and shall include in such report recommendations respecting extension of the pilot program period and of the number of countries that may be designated under paragraph (3)(A).

"(m) The requirement of paragraph (2)(E) of subsection (a) may be waived by the Attorney General, the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of the Interior, acting jointly, in the case of an alien applying for admission as a nonimmigrant visitor for business or pleasure and solely for entry into and stay on Guam for a period not to exceed fifteen days, if the Attorney General, the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of the Interior jointly determine that—

"(1) the territory of Guam has developed an adequate arrival and departure control system, and

"(2) such a waiver does not present a threat to the welfare, safety, or security of the United States."

(b) Section 214(a) (8 U.S.C. 1184(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence: "No alien admitted to the United States without a visa pursuant to subsection (l) or (m) of section 212 may be authorized to remain in the United States as a nonimmigrant visitor for a period exceeding ninety days or fifteen days, respectively, from the date of admission."

(c) For amendment prohibiting nonimmigrant visitors entering under visa waivers from adjusting their status to immigrants, see section 212(b) of this Act.

(d) Section 248 (8 U.S.C. 1258) is amended by striking out "and" at the end of paragraph (2), by striking out the period at the end of paragraph (3) and inserting in lieu thereof ", and" and by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

"(4) an alien classified as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(O) or admitted as a nonimmigrant visitor without a visa under subsection (l) or (m) of section 212."

NONIMMIGRANT SEASONAL AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM

Sec. 214. (a) Section 101(a)(15) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)), as amended by sections 204(b) and 211(a)(2) of this Act, is further amended by striking out "or" at the end of subparagraph (N), by striking out the period at the end of subparagraph (O) and inserting in lieu thereof "; or", and by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(P) an alien having a residence in a foreign country which he has no intention of abandoning who is coming to the United States for a period of not longer than 11 consecutive months to perform services or

from foreign contiguous territory the Attorney General to their applying or reapplying for admission.

ways;

has to procure, or has sought to procure, other documentation, or seeks to enter the United States, or by willfully misrepresenting a material fact.

As specifically provided in this chapter, at the time of application for admission is not an unexpired immigrant visa, reentry permit, border crossing identification card, or other valid entry document and a valid unexpired passport, or other document of identity and nationality, issued under the regulations issued by the Attorney General under section 1181(a) of this title;

As specifically provided in this chapter, any application for admission whose visa complies with the provisions of section 1181(a) of this title.

is eligible to citizenship, except aliens seeking admission as immigrants or persons who have departed from or returned to the United States to avoid or evade the United States in time of war or a period of national emergency, except aliens who have departed from the United States as nonimmigrants;

has been convicted of a violation of, or a conspiracy to violate, any law or regulation relating to the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs or marihuana, or who has been convicted of, or a conspiracy to violate, any law or regulation relating to the taxing, manufacture, production, sale, exchange, dispensing, giving away, importation, or exportation of narcotic drugs, marihuana, or any salt derivative of opium, coca leaves, or isonipecaine or any other substance sustaining opiate; or any alien who the Attorney General knows or has reason to believe is an illicit trafficker in any of the aforementioned.

aliens described in section 1101(a) (27) who seek admission from foreign contiguous

territory or adjacent islands, having arrived there on a vessel or aircraft of a nonsignatory line, or if signatory, a noncomplying transportation line under section 1228(a) of this title and who have not resided for at least two years subsequent to such arrival in such territory or adjacent islands;

(25) Aliens (other than aliens who have been lawfully admitted for permanent residence and who are returning from a temporary visit abroad) over sixteen years of age, physically capable of reading, who cannot read and understand some language or dialect;

(26) Any nonimmigrant who is not in possession of (A) a passport valid for a minimum period of six months from the date of the expiration of the initial period of his admission or contemplated initial period of stay authorizing him to return to the country from which he came or to proceed to and enter some other country during such period; and (B) at the time of application for admission a valid nonimmigrant visa or border crossing identification card;

(27) Aliens who the consular officer or the Attorney General knows or has reason to believe seek to enter the United States solely, principally, or incidentally to engage in activities which would be prejudicial to the public interest, or endanger the welfare, safety, or security of the United States;

(28) Aliens who are, or at any time have been, members of any of the following classes:

(A) Aliens who are anarchists;

(B) Aliens who advocate or teach, or who are members of or affiliated with any organization that advocates or teaches, opposition to all organized government;

(C) Aliens who are members of or affiliated with (i) the Communist Party of the United States, (ii) any other totalitarian party of the United States, (iii) the Communist Political Association, (iv) the Communist or any other totalitarian party of any State of the United States, of any foreign state, or of any political or geographical subdivision of any foreign state, (v) any section, subsidiary, branch, affiliate, or subdivision of any such association or party, or (vi) the direct predecessors or successors of any such association or party, regardless of what name such group or organization may have used, may now bear, or may hereafter adopt: *Provided*, That nothing in this paragraph, or in any other provision of this chapter, shall be construed as declaring that the Communist Party does not advocate the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force, violence, or other unconstitutional means;

(D) Aliens not within any of the other provisions of this paragraph who advocate the economic, international, and gov-

COPY FOR YOUR
INFORMATION

M E M O R A N D U M

April 11, 1985

TO: Representative Steve Rieger
FROM: Bill Lovell, Staff *Bill*
RE: HJR 20 (Visa Waivers)

I suggest that we present the attached draft SCS to the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee for their consideration for adoption in lieu of the House Labor and Commerce CS for CSHJR 20.

I make this suggestion for the following reason:

The House Labor and Commerce Committee amendments changed the perspective of the resolution. As you know HJR 20 was originally drafted to be directed to Senators Stevens and Murkowski. The L & C CS added that copies were to be sent to various national leaders also and changed the resolution clause to include references to them.

However the CS did not change any of the language in the resolution's "whereas" clauses -- language which was also originally intended to be directed to Senators Stevens and Murkowski, "two of our own," so to speak.

The amendments I recommend do not change the basic arguments in favor of the bill, do not delete any of the specifically Alaskan issues mentioned, and do not detract from the House's position on the original bill; however, the amendments do broaden the resolution's message and would serve, I think, to lessen the provincial "sound" of the Labor and Commerce CS.

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Attachment

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(_____ = material added to HCS [] = material deleted from HCS)

Original Sponsors: Rieger, Pearce,
Collins, et al

IN THE HOUSE

BY THE LABOR AND
COMMERCE COMMITTEE

SCS FOR CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20 (L & C)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION

Relating to visa waivers for
international airline passengers.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS visa waivers would encourage eligible international airline passengers and other eligible nonimmigrants to visit the United States thereby benefiting the nation's tourism industry;
and

WHEREAS all the states of the nation would benefit by granting visa waivers to eligible nonimmigrants; and

WHEREAS the state of Alaska is particularly interested in securing a visa waiver program because tourism is an important element in the state's immediate future and a vital part of ensuring stable and continuing economic growth; and

WHEREAS 1.5 million international airline passengers annually transit the Anchorage International Airport on the transpolar route between Europe and Asia; and

WHEREAS research by the Anchorage Convention and Visitors Bureau reveals that among the annual airport transpolar passengers, 84 percent indicated an interest in the state, 80 percent vacation at least once a year in the period from September to May when the state needs more visitors, 62 percent like winter-oriented vacations, 50 percent could have planned a stopover in Anchorage, 50 percent would stop for four to seven days, and 76 percent are frequent transpolar route passengers and previously have landed in Anchorage; and

WHEREAS state revenue from transpolar passengers constitutes more than 50 percent of the revenue necessary to operate all international airports in the state; and

WHEREAS there is the strong likelihood that carriers on the transpolar route will no longer need this state as a refueling stop in the foreseeable future and passenger interest in visits or stopovers in the state will be the only incentive for transpolar air carriers to continue to stop in the state; and

WHEREAS one of several obstacles to a stopover in Alaska or any other state [THE STATE] is the present requirement of a

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United States visa; and

WHEREAS last year Congress considered but failed to pass legislation providing for the granting of visa waivers;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature requests the President and the Congress of the United States to support the renewed effort to secure the waiver of visa requirements for eligible international airline [TRANSPOLAR] passengers and other eligible nonimmigrants wishing to exercise stopover privileges in Alaska and other states [THE STATE].

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald Reagan, President of the United States, the Honorable Robert Dole, Majority Leader of the Senate, the Honorable Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.



Official Business

Alaska State Legislature

House

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Juneau, Alaska 99811

M E M O R A N D U M

March 18, 1985

TO: Senator Fred Zharoff, Chairman, Senate Labor and Commerce
FROM: Representative Steve Rieger *SR*
RE: CSHJR 20 (Labor and Commerce), Relating to visa waivers for
International airlines passengers.

Attached please find back-up information on CSHJR 20 (Labor and Commerce).

This resolution offers the opportunity for the state legislature to express support for an idea which will benefit all Alaskans -- a federal visa waiver program for eligible nonimmigrants. As you may know, a visa waiver program was proposed during the last Congress and was defeated only after it became embroiled in another, unrelated controversy.

CSHJR 20 (Labor and Commerce) encourages our Congressional delegation in their continuing efforts to secure passage of a visa waiver bill. Copies of the resolution, if passed, will be sent to other Congressional leaders to make our position known with them as well.

Senator, I would sincerely appreciate your timely consideration of this resolution. A prompt hearing by your Committee will help make it possible for Alaska to get on record in support of this important program.

Thank you.

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Attachments

SCS CS HJR 20 (L&C)

CHAIRMAN SHOULD MOVE FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE L&C SCS;

Trans polar route

THIS RESOLUTION ENCOURAGES THE US CONGRESS IN THEIR EFFORT TO PASS A FEDERAL "VISA WAIVER" BILL. PASSAGE OF A VISA WAIVER BILL WILL ENHANCE TOURISM BY ALLOWING ELIGIBLE INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE PASSENGERS AND ELIGIBLE NONIMMIGRANTS TO VISIT IN THE UNITED STATES.

A VISA WAIVER AS DEFINED IN FEDERAL LEGISLATION IS SPECIAL PERMISSION FOR A NONIMMIGRANT VISITOR, FROM AN ELIGIBLE FOREIGN COUNTRY, TO REMAIN IN THE U.S. FOR UP TO 90 DAYS WITHOUT HAVING OBTAINED THE CUSTOMARY NON-IMMIGRANT VISA.

THE LABOR AND COMMERCE CS MADE MINOR CHANGES AT THE SUGGESTION OF THE SPONSOR, AND IT EXPANDED THE LANGUAGE TO REFLECT THE BENEFITS TO ALL STATES AS WELL AS ALASKA.

THE ALASKA VISITORS ASSOCIATION, THE ANCHORAGE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU, AND THE DIVISION OF TOURISM SUPPORT SUCH A PROGRAM.

Currently law requires nonimmigrant visitors to have a valid nonimmigrant visa before being admitted into the US. Most nonimmigrant visitors must obtain a visa in their home country before beginning a trip. The current process of applying for a visa is time consuming and involves considerable pre planning.

Chairman's Information:

- 1) CSHJR 20: "Relating to visa waivers for international airline passengers"
 - a) Introduced: Rep Reiger
 - b) Co-Sponsors:
- 2) INTENT: This resolution encourages the US Congress in their effort to pass a visa waiver bill. Passage of a visa waiver bill would enhance tourism by allowing eligible international airline passengers and eligible nonimmigrants to visit in the United States.

FISCAL NOTE: none

NOTE: Need to move for the adoption of SCS

- 3) ADDITIONAL REFERRALS: Rules
- 4) PUBLIC HEARINGS:
 - a) Sponsor:
 - b) Public witnesses:
- 5) BILL ACTION:
 - a) Hold in committee?
 - b) Assign to sub committee for further review?
 - c) Move from Committee?
 - d) close public hearings?
- 6) COMMITTEE ACTION:
 - a) amendments?
 - b) CS adoption? We have a SCS for CS HJR 20 (L&C)

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4/12/85

Original sponsors: Rieger, Pearce,
Collins, et al

INDICATES CS
LANGUAGE

BY THE LABOR AND
COMMERCE COMMITTEE

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20 (L&C)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to visa waivers for interna-
6 tional airline passengers.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 WHEREAS visa waivers would encourage eligible international airline
9 passengers and other eligible nonimmigrants to visit the United States; and

10 WHEREAS all the states of the nation would realize an increase in
11 tourism by granting visa waivers to eligible nonimmigrants; and

12 WHEREAS Alaska is particularly interested in securing a visa waiver
13 program because tourism is an important element in the state's immediate
14 future and a vital part of ensuring stable and continuing economic growth;
15 and

16 WHEREAS 1,500,000 international airline passengers annually transit
17 the Anchorage International Airport on the transpolar route between Europe
18 and Asia; and

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20 reveals that among the annual airport transpolar passengers, 84 percent in-
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23 percent like winter-oriented vacations, 50 percent could have planned a
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WHEREAS there is the strong likelihood that carriers on the transpolar route will no longer need this state as a refueling stop in the foreseeable future and passenger interest in visits or stopovers in the state will be the only incentive for transpolar air carriers to continue to stop in the state; and

WHEREAS one of several obstacles to a stopover in Alaska or any other state is the present requirement of a United States visa; and

WHEREAS last year Congress considered but failed to pass legislation providing for the granting of visa waivers;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature requests the President and the Congress of the United States to support the renewed effort to secure the waiver of visa requirements for eligible international airline passengers and other eligible nonimmigrants wishing to exercise stopover privileges in Alaska and other states.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald Reagan, President of the United States, the Honorable Robert Dole, Majority Leader of the Senate, the Honorable Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Offered: 3/15/85
Referred: Rules

Original sponsors: Rieger, Pearce,
Collins, et al

BY THE LABOR AND
COMMERCE COMMITTEE

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20 (L&C)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to visa waivers for interna-
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7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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6 effort to secure the waiver of visa requirements for transpolar passengers
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8 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald
9 Reagan, President of the United States, the Honorable Robert Dole, Majority
10 Leader of the Senate, the Honorable Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, Jr., Speaker
11 of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
12 Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.
13 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.



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HJR 23: "Relating to US Customs Service Offices on the West Coast"

Urges the US Customs Service to maintain its current uniform jurisdiction over all west coast ports, and also to increase the number of customs inspectors to expedite trade thru west coast ports.

Discussions are being held on a federal level to separate Alaska, Washington, and Oregon into a jurisdiction headquartered in Chicago Illinois, and there is a concern that the proposed separation would be interuptive to uniform customs operations and detrimental to international trade activities.

HJR 23 "RELATING TO U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE OFFICES ON THE WEST
COAST"

CURRENTLY, DISCUSSIONS ARE BEING HELD AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL TO
SEPARATE ALASKA, WASHINGTON, AND OREGON INTO THE JURISDICTION
OF A CUSTOMS OFFICE HEADQUARTERED IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

THIS RESOLUTION URGES THE U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE TO MAINTAIN ITS
CURRENT UNIFORM JURISDICTION OVER ALL WEST COAST PORTS, AND TO
INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CUSTOMS INSPECTORS TO EXPEDITE TRADE THRU
WEST COAST PORTS.

Chairman's Information:

- 1) HJR 23: "Relating to US Customs Service Offices on the West Coast"
 - a) Introduced: Rep Martin
 - b) Co-Sponsors:
- 2) INTENT: This resolution urges the US Customs Service to maintain its current uniform jurisdiction over all west coast ports, and to increase the number of customs inspectors to expedite trade through west coast ports.

FISCAL NOTE: none
NOTE:

- 3) ADDITIONAL REFERRALS: Rules
- 4) PUBLIC HEARINGS:
 - a) Sponsor:
 - b) Public witnesses:
- 5) BILL ACTION:
 - a) Hold in committee?
 - b) Assign to sub committee for further review?
 - c) Move from Committee?
 - d) close public hearings?
- 6) COMMITTEE ACTION:
 - a) amendments?
 - b) CS adoption?