

IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT TIMELINE OF KEY EVENTS

95th CONGRESS (1977-78)

- ✓ October 1978: Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy authorized

96th CONGRESS (1979-80)

- ✓ 1979-80: Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy deliberations

97th CONGRESS (1981-82)

- ✓ March 1981: Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy issues Final Report
- ✓ March 1982: 1st IRCA bills introduced (H.R. 5872/S. 2222)
- ✓ May 1982: Senate Judiciary Committee reports bill
- ✓ August 1982: Senate passes bill (80-19)
- ✓ September 1982: House Judiciary Committee reports bill
- ✓ December 1982: House bill dies on floor

98th CONGRESS (1982-1983)

- ✓ February 1983: 2nd IRCA bills introduced (H.R. 1510/S. 529)
- ✓ April 1983: Senate Judiciary Committee reports bill
- ✓ May 1983: House Judiciary Committee reports bill
- ✓ May 1983: Senate passes bill (76-18)
- ✓ June 1983: House bill sequentially referred to Agriculture, Education & Labor, Energy and Commerce, and Ways and Means Committees
- ✓ November 1983: Moakley-DeConcini bill introduced (H.R. 4447/S.2131)

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- ✓ February 1984: Roybal alternative bill introduced (H.R. 4909)
- ✓ June 1984: House passes IRCA bill (216-211)
- ✓ October 1984: Bill dies in Conference Committee

99th CONGRESS (1985-86)

- ✓ January 1985: Moakley-DeConcini bill re-introduced (H.R. 822/S. 377)
- ✓ May 1985: 3rd IRCA Senate bill introduced (S. 1200)
- ✓ August 1985: Senate Judiciary Committee reports bill
- ✓ September 1985: Senate passes bill (69-30)
- ✓ November 1985: 3rd IRCA House bill introduced (H.R. 3810)
- ✓ June 1986: House Judiciary Committee reports bill
- ✓ August 1986: House Judiciary reports Moakley-DeConcini bill
- ✓ September 1986: House Rules Committee reports Moakley-DeConcini
- ✓ September 1986: House defeats rule (202-180)
- ✓ October 1986: House passes bill (230-166)
- ✓ October 1986: House passes Conference Report (238-173)
- ✓ October 1986: Senate passes Conference Report (63-24)
- ✓ November 1986: President signs bill

100th CONGRESS (1987-88)

- ✓ May 1987: Legalization begins; Employer Sanctions “education period” begins
- ✓ December 1987: Legalization extension legislation introduced

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- ✓ March 1988: Legalization extension passes House; dies in Senate
- ✓ May 1988: Legalization ends

101st CONGRESS (1989-1990)

- ✓ February 1989: Immigration Act introduced (S. 358/H.R. 4300)
- ✓ June 1989: Senate Judiciary Committee reports bill
- ✓ July 1989: Senate passes bill (81-17)
- ✓ October 1990: House Judiciary Committee discharges bill
- ✓ October 1990: House passes bill (voice vote)
- ✓ October 1990: Conference Committee reports out Conference Report
- ✓ October 1990: House defeats rule on Conference Report
- ✓ October 1990: Senate passes Conference Report (89-8)
- ✓ October 1990: House passes Conference Report (264-118)
- ✓ November 1990: President signs bill