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*Crime -
Criminal Aliens*

Specifications for an Amendment to S. 1607, the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1993:

to

Combat Illegal Immigration and Deport Criminal Aliens

Purpose: To authorize the Attorney General to take steps to combat illegal immigration and deport criminal aliens; to authorize funding for these measures through appropriations from the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund.

Drafting: Inserting, after section 1321B, a new section 1321C and renumbering the remaining provisions. New section 1321B would include the following "such sums" language:

"Subject to appropriation, the Attorney General is authorized to:

- 1) accelerate the processing of asylum claims by increasing the number of asylum officers, immigration judges, detention facilities and department attorneys litigating these claims, with a goal of reducing median time before deportation to six weeks or less;
- 2) expedite the deportation of criminal aliens by increasing the number of investigators and immigration judges;
- 3) improve compliance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 ("IRCA") by increasing the number of investigators and attorneys enforcing the employer sanctions provisions of that act and the document fraud provisions of the Immigration Act of 1990, by increasing the number of attorneys enforcing IRCA anti-discrimination provisions, by increasing the level of educational activities and by expanding the pilot program for employer telephone verification of employment eligibility;
- 4) improve control of the Southwest border by increasing the number of border patrol agents and improving the technology of border patrol equipment and by increasing the number of inspectors at land ports of entry; and
- 5) increase the detention spaces available for deportable and excludable aliens."

Since the Byrd amendment to the crime bill authorizes appropriations from the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund to accomplish any of the purposes authorized in the act, the fund would be available to support immigration improvement.

Pay-as-you-go Analysis: The amendment would not be subject to the pay-as-you-go provisions of the Budget Enforcement Act because all authorizations would be subject to appropriation action.