

Kennedy Proposes Series of Changes In Immigration Act

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WASHINGTON, July 22 — Senator Edward M. Kennedy, who guided the 1965 immigration bill through the Senate, proposed today five revisions in immigration policy, among them better control over workers coming in from Mexico.

The Democrat from Massachusetts, testifying before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration, said the “grinding poverty, high unemployment and low wages in many of our communities along the Mexican border is well known and a national disgrace.”

He said that the present open

border allowed Mexican workers to come into the United States without regulation. He recommended that the status of each Mexican worker be reviewed every six months to make sure that he can be employed and to determine where he is working and under what conditions.

Senator Kennedy urged that the 1965 immigration system be refined by establishing a worldwide annual ceiling on immigration, with a uniform preference system applying to visa applicants from all countries.

“I strongly recommend,” Senator Kennedy said, “that Cuban refugees, now counted in the immigration ceiling of the Western Hemisphere, be eliminated from all ceiling considerations.” The large number

of Cuban refugees have kept down the number of immigrants from other nations in the Western Hemisphere.

Another item on Senator Kennedy’s list was to “strengthen our country’s traditional immigration objective to reunite families.” He said that “we need a board of visa appeals to review the denial of an immigrant visa whenever the family interests of a United States citizen or a permanent resident alien are involved.”

Senator Kennedy, who is chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Refugees, further urged that the Attorney General be given authority to allow additional refugees into the country in times of emergency.

Lastly, the Senator said that a statute of limitations on deportations was long overdue.

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