

Senate Joint Resolution No. 41

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 164

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 41, Speier. Permanent resident alien airport security screeners.

This measure would memorialize Congress to enact S. 1829 or H.R. 3505, or both of these measures, as the Airport Security Personnel Protection Act to provide for transitional employment for qualified resident alien airport security screeners until their naturalization processes are completed, as required by these measures.

WHEREAS, On November 19, 2002, all airport security screeners become federal employees and must become United States citizens or lose their jobs; and

WHEREAS, Almost 80 percent of the current security screeners at the San Francisco International Airport are noncitizens; and

WHEREAS, Many of these employees are well trained and have years of experience as airport security screeners; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo and San Francisco Counties are already reeling from the economic recession and termination of qualified airport security screeners would cause further disruption to the local economy; and

WHEREAS, On December 14, 2001, and December 17, 2001, respectively, S. 1829 and H.R. 3505, two identical measures both titled the Airport Security Personnel Protection Act, were introduced in the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, These measures provide for transitional employment for qualified lawful permanent resident alien airport security screeners until their naturalization processes are completed on an expedited basis as required by the measures; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of the State of California hereby urges the Congress of the United States to enact either S. 1829 or H.R. 3505, or both, without the provisions that provide for an expedited naturalization process, as the Airport Security Personnel Protection Act; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the United States Congress.

