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Summary of the Bills Under Consideration Today:

Total Number of New Government Programs: 0

Total Cost of Discretionary Authorizations: \$0

Effect on Revenue: \$0

Total Change in Mandatory Spending: \$0

Total New State & Local Government Mandates: 0

Total New Private Sector Mandates: 0

Number of Bills Without Committee Reports: 0

Number of Reported Bills that Don't Cite Specific Clauses of Constitutional Authority: 0

**S.Con.Res. 31—Correcting the enrollment of H.R. 1268
(Senator Hutchison)**

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, May 11th, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: S.Con.Res. 31 would make a technical correction to the supplemental appropriations conference report (H.R. 1268) recently passed by the House. The resolution would direct the Clerk of the House, when enrolling the legislation, to change the following language regarding additional visas for nurses:

From: `(ii) MAXIMUM- The total number of visas actually used under paragraph (1) may not exceed 50,000.'

To: `(ii) MAXIMUM- The total number of visas made available under paragraph (1) from unused visas from the fiscal years 2001 through 2004 may not exceed 50,000.'

Without this technical correction, the intent of this provision, to allow 50,000 **additional** visas for nurses (recaptured from certain unused visas in years 2001-2004), could not be realized.

Additional Background: The Conference Report for H.R. 1268 intended to make up to 50,000 of unused immigrant visas (from fiscal years 2001-2004) available for aliens who have been approved for employment-based preference visas as nurses or physical therapists. These visas would remain available until exhausted. The 50,000 cap would NOT include accompanying or following family members of qualifying immigrants.

Committee Action: The Senate passed S.Con.Res. 31 by unanimous consent yesterday. The resolution is being held at the desk in the House (i.e. the resolution was not referred to any committee).

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would have no cost.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

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