

## **JUNE 2006 VISA AVAILABILITY**

The bulletin issued by the Visa Office of the Bureau of Consular Affairs of the U.S. Department of State gives the following availability position for issuance of immigrant visas during June 2006:

### **Persons Chargeable to India**

#### **Family-Sponsored Preferences**

1st Preference	Apr 22, 2001
2nd Preference	
2A	Apr 22, 2001
2B	Aug 01,1996
3rd Preference	Aug 01,1998
4th Preference	Aug 15,1994

#### **Employment-Based Preferences**

1st Preference	Jan 01, 2006
2nd Preference	Jan 01, 2003
3rd Preference	Apr 08, 2001
Schedule A Workers	Current
Other Workers	Unenviable
4 <sup>th</sup> Preference	Current
Certain Religious Workers	Current
5th Preference	Current
Targeted Emp Areas	Current

### **Persons Chargeable to Other Countries**

For other chargeability areas, including Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, United Kingdom, and the nations of Africa, the cut-off dates for June 2006 are:

#### **Family-Sponsored Preferences**

1st Preference	Apr 22, 2001
2nd Preference	
2A	Apr 22, 2001
2B	Aug 01,1996
3rd Preference	Aug 01,1998
4th Preference	Mar 01, 1995

### **Employment-Based Preferences**

1st Preference	Current
2nd Preference	Current
3rd Preference	Jul 01, 2001
Schedule A Workers	Current
Other Workers	Unenviable
4th Preference	Current
Certain Religious Workers	Current
5th Preference	Current
Targeted Emp Areas	Current

### **CIR DEBATED IN THE SENATE**

Several amendments have been offered on the Senate floor and the debate is continuing on the Comprehensive Immigration Reform.

A cloture petition was filed on Monday last with a cloture vote scheduled for Wednesday morning. It appears likely that the Senate will vote on final passage of S. 2611 on Thursday, the 25<sup>th</sup> of May.

Senator Feinstein's "Orange Card" amendment was defeated by a vote of 37 to 61.

It is pertinent to note that S. 2611 when favorably voted by the Senate will still face some obstacles. It will have to be reconciled with the tougher measure approved by the House. It remains to be seen what is finally approved in the conference with the House so that identical versions can be voted upon in the Senate as well as the House.

It seems very likely that the President will sign whatever Immigration Reform bill is presented to him. There is no likelihood of a veto if this bill ever reaches President's desk.