

## **House committee OKs breaking INS in two**

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A **House committee** agreed Tuesday on terms for dismantling the Immigration and Naturalization Service and replacing it with **two** separate agencies, moving beyond Bush administration guidelines to overhaul the agency.

"The time for talk is over with," **House** Judiciary Chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., said Tuesday.

"The time for action is at hand."

Sensenbrenner's **committee** plans to approve the new approach today with legislation to dissect the INS into one agency to enforce immigration laws and another to handle citizenship and immigration. The bureaus, which would remain under the Justice Department, would report to an associate attorney general for immigration.

INS Commissioner James Ziglar wants to divide the INS functions administratively but keep the agency intact, reforming the agency without a new law, he told **House** members Tuesday.

**Committee** members said they have heard too many ineffective INS overhaul plans from different presidents and this time were ready to move forward with their own. "We've been doing the administrative tango with the INS for a long time," said Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., the **committee**'s ranking Democrat.

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To read the restructuring bill, HR 3231, or Tuesday's testimony on the Web, go to [www.house.gov/judiciary/full.htm](http://www.house.gov/judiciary/full.htm). To read the administration's plan, go to [www.ins.gov/graphics/aboutins/restruct/index.htm](http://www.ins.gov/graphics/aboutins/restruct/index.htm).

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