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Senator John **McCain**, Republican of Arizona, received a hero's welcome yesterday from 800 immigrants and other **New** Yorkers as he championed a federal **immigration bill** on the home turf of Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, who could be his opponent if they both run for the presidency in 2008. Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Democrat of Massachusetts, is co-sponsor of the **bill**, which would create a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants now in the country if they pay fines, successfully complete background checks, learn English, and work for a period of years. Representatives Charles B. Rangel and Anthony D. Weiner, both Democrats, joined Mr. **McCain** to support the **bill**.
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