## **IMMIGRATION BILL BATTLE ENDS**

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House and Senate negotiators Tuesday approved an <u>immigration bill</u> that stiffens border enforcement, speeds the deportation of aliens who are criminals and restricts public benefits to legal immigrants. Republicans dropped a provision allowing states to bar children who are illegal immigrants from public schools.

That provision will be changed to exempt all illegal immigrant children who are enrolled in school as of next July, and will be voted on as a separate <u>bill</u>. Democrats objected to provisions allowing legal immigrants to be deported if they used more than 12 months of public benefits, including child care or English classes. Another would bar legal immigrants infected with the AIDS virus from receiving publicly financed health treatment. The House scheduled a vote for today and a Senate vote is expected soon.

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