

87. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
VELAZQUEZ OF NEW YORK, OR HER
DESIGNEE, TO BE DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4437, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MS. VELÁZQUEZ OF NEW YORK**

At the end of title II, insert the following:

1 SEC. 211. REDUCTION IN IMMIGRATION BACKLOG.

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
3 rity shall require that, not later than six months after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of United
5 States Citizenship and Immigration Services (in this sec-
6 tion referred to as “USCIS”) undertake maximum efforts
7 to reduce to the greatest extent practicable the backlog
8 in the processing and adjudicative functions of USCIS.

9 (b) PILOT PROGRAM INITIATIVES.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director is authorized
11 to implement a pilot program for the purposes of, to
12 the greatest extent practicable—

13 (A) reducing the backlog in the processing
14 of immigration benefit applications; and

15 (B) preventing such backlog from recur-
16 ring.

17 (2) INITIATIVES.—To carry out paragraph (1),
18 initiatives may include measures such as increasing
19 personnel, transferring personnel to focus on areas
20 with the largest potential for backlog, streamlining



- 1 paperwork processes, and increasing information
- 2 technology and service centers.

