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# *Bipartisan Immigration Bill to be Released*

## **Beside a Path to Citizenship, a New Path of Immigration**

By JULIA PRESTON

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WASHINGTON – A sweeping immigration bill that a bipartisan group of eight senators plans to introduce on Tuesday seeks not only to fix chronic problems in the system and bring an estimated 11 million illegal immigrants to the right side of the law. It would also reorient future immigration with the goal of bringing foreigners to the country increasingly based on the job skills and personal assets they can offer.

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The bill, by four Democrats and four Republicans, is the most ambitious effort in at least 26 years to repair,

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- Selective incorporation occurred gradually, and is still happening. Essentially nationalization of Bill of Rights

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- **GOP likes decision, because typically aligned with corporate interests; Dems maligned it**



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- Protection is conditional, depends whether or private or public property

## *Bong Hits 4 Jesus*

