

Immigration bill may be revived

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WASHINGTON - The immigration reform bill may be revived in the U.S. Congress.

The Christian Science Monitor reported that the Senate may vote Friday on whether to renew debate on the bill with restrictions on amendments that can be added to it.

Under a proposal from Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., each party would be permitted to propose a dozen amendments to the immigration bill, the newspaper reported.

At a Monitor breakfast on Wednesday, U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said he is "optimistic that we will get a bill."

"The essence of compromise is the recognition that the way to achieve something good for most people is for everybody to recognize they can't insist on a 100 percent win," he said.

Chertoff said that doing nothing would be tantamount to a "silent amnesty," he said, the Monitor reported.

Chertoff helped negotiate the new Senate bill, the newspaper reported.

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