

'Dreamers' in limbo as immigration Bills rejected

Speaking up: A file photo of a demonstrator at a rally in support of the Dream Act on Capitol Hill in Washington. NYT

The U.S. Senate blocked several immigration proposals on Thursday, including a bipartisan compromise opposed by President Donald Trump, dashing hopes that Congress will soon decide the fate of nearly two million migrants brought to the country illegally as children.

Mr. Trump had threatened to veto the bipartisan deal, which would shield the young immigrants from deportation in exchange for \$25 billion in border security, because it did not include the restrictions on legal immigration he has sought.

The Senate's Republican leadership had set aside this week to reach an agreement on putting 1.8 million so-called "Dreamers" on a pathway to citizenship, boosting border security, and potentially tightening up existing regulations on immigration.

Lawmakers were heading home to their districts for 10 days to reassess, with just weeks to go before a March 5 deadline, after which thousands could be at risk of deportation. All four proposals put forward failed.

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