

City of Cambridge

Councillor Crane

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In City Council,
March 17, 1969.

WHEREAS:-

Under the new U.S. immigration policy, not one Irish person qualified for entry to the United States from Ireland during the month of July 1968, and

WHEREAS:-

Since July 1, 1968, of the 1,076 persons who applied to the U.S. Embassy in Dublin to emigrate to the United States only 72 were issued visas, and

WHEREAS:-

Irish nuns and brothers have for many years staffed schools, hospitals, orphanages, and rest homes for the aged in our nation, and

WHEREAS:-

These religious groups who desire to come here to continue this wondrous work must NOW wait their turns because of this new immigration law, and

WHEREAS:-

If the present U. S. immigration law was on our statute books one hundred fifty years ago, at least 90% of the ancestors of the Irish in America would not have been allowed to enter the United States, therefore be it

RESOLVED:-

That the Cambridge City Council endorses and supports the amendment to the Immigration and Nationality Act "to make additional immigrant visas available for immigrants from certain foreign countries" as proposed in H.R.166 (copy attached), a bill introduced in the first session of the 91st Congress by Congressman William F. Ryan of New York et als including our Cambridge Congressman, Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. and be it further

RESOLVED:-

That a copy of this resolution be sent to Senators Edward M. Kennedy and Edward W. Brooke with a request that they sponsor a Bill in the Senate that is identical to the so-called Ryan Bill, now in the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote

of 9 members

Paul E. Healy
Temp. City Clerk

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City Council endorses new U.S. Immigration
Policy

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Mr. Crane