

Some U.S. lawmakers plead for more foreign workers

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WASHINGTON (AP) - Three U.S. House members today pleaded for more visas for seasonal workers needed by seafood processors, resorts and others in their districts.

The lawmakers raised concerns before the House Judiciary immigration subcommittee.

The congressmen say some businesses could close or lose money this spring and summer because there are not enough H-2B visas for temporary nonagricultural workers.

Complaints were raised by Congressmen Bart Stupak of Michigan, Tim Bishop of New York and Wayne Gilchrest of Maryland.

The Associated Press reports prospects for relief are uncertain.

Attempts to increase H2B visas are trapped in the debate over immigration reform.

The hearing occurred on the same day immigration officers raided some Pilgrims Pride poultry plants, plus Shipley Do-Nuts in Houston.