

## **Gregg fights for extension of visa program for seasonal workers**

*Associated Press - May 17, 2008*

WASHINGTON (AP) - New Hampshire Senator Judd Gregg is lobbying for an amendment that would extend a seasonal worker visa program to help businesses.

Federal law allows businesses needing seasonal help to obtain what are known as H-2B visas for foreign workers. The bipartisan amendment exempts returning seasonal workers from a national cap of 66,000 visas.

The original law providing the exemption, authored by Gregg, expired in September, meaning many businesses in New Hampshire and throughout the nation didn't have enough workers.

The amendment has been approved by a Senate committee and now heads to the full Senate.

Pat Corso, president and CEO of the Mount Washington Resort, says he employs 300 part-time and seasonal workers, and between 60 and 80 of them use the H-2B visas for the prime winter and summer seasons.