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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 3/14/2007

SPONSOR Robinson LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Pardon Border Patrol Agents Ramos and Compean SM 81

ANALYST Schuss

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

| Appropriation | | Recurring or Non-Rec | Fund Affected |
|---------------|------|-------------------------|------------------|
| FY07 | FY08 | | |
| | NFI | | |

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 81 requests that Governor Richardson issue a state pardon for Ignacio Ramos and Jose Alonso Compean.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Senate Memorial 81 states that two former United States Border Patrol Agents, Ignacio Ramos and Jose Alonso Compean, were each sentenced last month to more than a decade in federal prison for shooting a Mexican drug smuggler during the performance of their duties as border patrol agents. The agents said that they shot in self-defense, and federal lawmakers have called for a congressional investigation into the agents' prosecution.

Other developments in the case are:

- the union representing most rank-and-file border patrol agents established a legal defense fund for the agents,
- civilian border watch groups have asked the United States Attorney General's Office to review the case,
- there will be appeals through the courts to throw out the guilty verdicts against the agents.

The Senate of the State of New Mexico requests that the Governor grant the two border patrol agents a state pardon.

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