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Have demonstrated ability in writing through university coursework or equivalent experience.

Have completed or be registered in JOUR 210 (Graphics) or equivalent.

Application forms should be picked up and returned to Francia Eldridge in the Student Publications office, room 230 Reed McDonald Building. Deadline for submitting application: 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 29. Applicants will be interviewed during the Student Publications Board Meeting beginning at 5 p.m. Monday, April 3, 1995.

Green-card holders rush to apply for citizenship

U.S. government's desire of curbing welfare monies causes many legal aliens to seek ways of protecting their benefits.

MIAMI (AP) — For seven years, Rosa Dominguez has lived in the United States as a legal resident. She hasn't felt the need to become a citizen — until now.

She's learning English and taking citizenship classes, but not because of some newfound affection for the United States. She's afraid the Republicans on Capitol Hill will take away her welfare benefits.

Dominguez is one of thousands of green-card holders in Miami and across the nation rushing to apply for citizenship as Congress debates the Republican welfare-reform package.

A provision in the legislation, expected to pass the House this week, would eliminate Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income, Aid to Families With Dependent Children and food stamps to most legal alien residents.

Dominguez, a 70-year-old Cuban native, has no family in Miami and lives on the \$458 in Supplementary Security Income and \$17 in food stamps she gets each month.

"If the government cuts the SSI and food stamps, I'll be homeless," Dominguez said tearfully in Spanish, minutes after a class in preparing for the citizenship test.

An estimated 2.2 million legal alien residents nationwide would be affected by the reforms, according to the Health and Human Services Department. The only green-card holders who would not be affected are those over 75 who have

lived in the United States for at least five years, political refugees and U.S. veterans.

Supporters of the measure, such as Rep. Clay Shaw, R-Fla., question whether U.S. taxpayers should be supporting immigrants who are not allowed to vote and can't run for most elective offices.

"If you want to come to this country and want to enjoy all its freedoms, it's not unfair to ask you to become citizens," said Scott Brennan, Shaw's spokesman. "You didn't come to this country to go on welfare."

The Federation for American Immigration Reform, based in Washington, is lobbying hard for the measure.

"Immigrants today are bringing their elderly parents, brothers and sisters, whatever, and assimilating into welfare," said Dan Stein, the federation's executive director. "The longer they're here, the more likely they are to go on welfare. ... Why should immigration become a free lunch?"

Rosa Rosales, state director for the Texas League of United Latin American Citizens, says the GOP proposal grew from racism.

"When people talk about immigrants, they synonymously mean Mexicans and other Latinos," Rosales said. "They don't want us to stay here permanently, but they want to use us as cheap labor."

President Clinton is opposed to parts of the reform package but has not said whether he would veto it.

Support for the proposal is not unanimous among Republicans on Capitol Hill. Rep. Ileana Diaz-Balart and Ileana Ros-Lehtinen of Miami area said they did not endorse the GOP "Contract With America" because of it.



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