Asylum Procedure (Granting of Status)
House 208(a); Senate: 207(b)(1)

THE DIFFERENCE: -

The House bill requires the Attorney General to establish a procedure for an alien physically present in the United States or at a land border or port of entry to apply for asylum, and the alien may be granted asylum if the Attorney General determines that such alien is a refugee within the meaning of section 101(a)(42)(A) [Section 201(a) of the House bill].

The Senate bill requires the Attorney General to establish a procedure for an alien physically present in the United States to apply for asylum, and the alien shall be granted asylum if he is a refugee within the meaning of section 101(a)(42)(A) and his deportation or return would be prohibited under section 243(h) of this Act.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH POSITION

The Executive Branch prefers the House bill as providing a clearer statement of asylum procedure.