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ARGENTINA: LEGISLATORS BACK AMNESTY REPEAL The lower house of Congress approved a bill to revoke two amnesty laws that have benefited hundreds of military officers accused of abusing human rights during the dictatorship that ruled the country from 1976 to 1983. The measures were approved in the 1980's under intense pressure from the armed forces, but the new president, Néstor Kirchner, has said that they are unconstitutional and that he wants to see those responsible for the deaths of as many as 30,000 people brought to justice. Larry Rohter (NYT)