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on

October 11th, to hear our guest speaker

Michael Cutler,

Former INS Special Agent

6:45 pm Get To Know Others

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You have seen him on all the major cable news programs. Many of you receive his emails and you heard him debate with clarity at the Farmers Branch debate. For those of you who are not familiar with Mike Cutler, you owe it to yourself to come and hear him.

We are definitely pleased to have Mike Cutler as our guest speaker.

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THIS AND THAT

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

I am happy to announce that Bob Federeghi and John Gorena have accepted our invitation to become a part of the Board of Directors.

OCTOBER MEETING

I hope you will be able to come to our meeting this month. You will not go away from hearing Mike Cutler devoid of information. I guarantee it!

As you noticed, we are going to meet in Farmers Branch this month. The Farmers Branch recreation center is a nice facility and this location will give a break to those who live where I-35 is a more convenient way for them to travel.

If at all possible, come by 6:45 for refreshments and a time of greeting and getting to know one another.

And don't forget to wear your Eyes of Texas button!

DREAM ACT

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution calls it a "Dream immigrant proposal." The Des Moines Register, Sacramento Bee and others are getting on the bandwagon. An LA Times op-ed calls this new amnesty bill a "uniquely American dream."

As this newsletter is being written, the Senate still has not taken up the amendment to Defense Authorization bill.

Senator Durbin (D-IL) has tweaked this amendment from the original to make it more 'palatable' as if he could.

One would think that after the great defeat of the Senate amnesty bill, that "Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Bill"* , the elites would have understood that WE THE PEOPLE do not want any type of an amnesty. It just goes to show the arrogance that is so prevalent among certain lawmakers. However, former British Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher has said, "*you may have to fight a battle more than once to win.*" So we will continue to stand tall.

* take off from the book *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*, by Judith Viorst.

NEW MONTHLY RALLY BUTTON ON WEBSITE

[HTTP://WWW.CFIRDALLAS.COM](http://www.cfirdallas.com)

For the next three months, CFIR will hold Pro America Rallies. Our website has a Monthly Rally button where you can check out the dates and place. It also has a map and a flyer to print out that you can use to invite others to join us. Best behavior expected at these rallies.

Pro America Rallies

Saturdays

Oct 13, 2007

Nov 17, 2007

Dec 15, 2007

10:00 AM to Noon

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Valley View Mall

HOUSEKEEPING

At this meeting, we will have to once again begin the process of electing a slate of officers for 2008. Our bylaws state that the board selects a board member to serve as Chairman of the Nominating Committee, the President selects a member from the general membership and the membership selects a member from the general membership.

You will be selecting a member to serve with committee members, Lois Neal, Chair, and with Charlotte Dearien. The slate of officers will be announced in the November newsletter and will be voted on at the November meeting. Nominations will be taken from the floor at that time.

CFIR OPPORTUNITY

I will represent CFIR at a meeting and photo opportunity lunch with Laura Ingraham, hosted by KSKY radio on Sept. 28th.

Jean Towell, President



THE CONGRESS

SENATE

NO TO

AgJOBS LEGISLATION

Waiting in the wings is Senator Dianne Feinstein's, (D-CA) amendment to the agriculture bill that is to come to the floor in October. Senator Feinstein's amendment would grant legal residency to 1.5 million illegal alien farm workers.

The Texas Business Association website reports that Sen. Hutchison . . ."may find herself in the thick of that debate as she and other Republicans search for a way to deal with agriculture's labor shortages without providing a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants.

The report goes on to say: "The Texan is working with a trio of fellow Republicans — Saxby Chambliss of Georgia, Jon Kyl of Arizona and Jeff Sessions of Alabama — on a guest worker program for agriculture and other industries."

Hutchison made clear the GOP plan, shaping up as the rival to Feinstein's AgJobs bill, would not offer citizenship to the temporary workers.

"The problem we had in the last bill was the controversy over amnesty," Hutchison said when asked how her legislation could avoid the fate of the proposed comprehensive immigration fix.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NO TO

STRIVE ACT - H.R. 1645

SECURITY THROUGH REGULARIZED IMMIGRATION AND A VIBRANT ECONOMY ACT OF 2007

[HTTP://WWW.FAIRUS.ORG](http://www.fairus.org)

Complicated, Impractical and NOT a Solution to the Illegal Immigration Crisis!
(Even the bill's SPONSOR thinks so . . .)

"Is it going to sound somewhat absurd to some people? Certainly it will" -- Luis Gutierrez.

The Strive Act, it was introduced in the first session of the House, and is still waiting in the wings, ready to give amnesty to millions of illegals. Sponsored by Rep. Jeff Flake of AZ and Rep. Luis Gutierrez, of IL

A HIGHLIGHT OF THE ILL-CONCEIVED TERMS OF THE FLAKE-GUTIERREZ BILL

- ◆ Includes a provision to permanently admit up to 600,000 new unskilled workers, plus their dependent family members into the U.S. every year.
- ◆ Grants amnesty to millions of illegal aliens by incorporating a "touchback" provision that requires people to take a pointless roundtrip to the nearest border
- ◆ Anyone who illegally entered the U.S. before June 1, 2006 would be eligible to apply for citizenship and those here illegally the longest will be first in line.

Accountability in Enforcing Immigration Laws Act of 2007 - H.R.3531

Title: To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve the interior enforcement of the immigration laws of the United States, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Brown-Waite, Ginny](#) [FL-5] 11 co-sponsors

Latest Major Action: 9/18/2007 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection.

SUMMARY AS OF 9/14/2007--INTRODUCED.

- ◆ Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to subject all illegal alien entrants to fines. (Under current law, first-time offenses are subject to such fines and/or six months' imprisonment, and subsequent offenses are subject to such fines and/or two years' imprisonment.)
- ◆ Directs United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement to provide for: (1) detention of illegal aliens who are apprehended by state or local law enforcement officers; and (2) reimbursement of state and local detention costs.
- ◆ Requires certain airport security screeners to undergo immigration status checks.
- ◆ Requires owners and operators of high-risk critical infrastructure sites, in order to receive buffer zone protection grants, to conduct terrorist watchlist and immigration status database checks of security employees.
- ◆ Condemns rapes by smugglers along the U.S. land border and urges the government of Mexico to work with United States Customs and Border Protection to take preventive action.
- ◆ Affirms the inherent authority of state and local law enforcement personnel to assist in immigration enforcement while carrying out their routine duties. States that such provision shall not be construed to require such personnel to: (1) report the identity of a victim of, or a witness to, a criminal offense to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS); or (2) arrest such victim or witness for an immigration-related violation.
- ◆ Directs DHS to establish an immigration-related training manual for state and local law enforcement personnel.
- ◆ Provides financial assistance to state and local law enforcement agencies for immigration enforcement assistance.
- ◆ Continues the institutional removal program and expands it to all states.
- ◆ Authorizes permanent appropriations for the state criminal alien assistance program.
- ◆ Provides for the listing of immigration violators in the National Crime Information Center Database.

*"History does not long entrust the care of
freedom to the weak or timid."*

Dwight D. Eisenhower

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"BORDER SECURITY:

**FRAUD RISKS COMPLICATE STATE'S ABILITY TO
MANAGE DIVERSITY VISA PROGRAM CNSNews.com**

The State Department's "Diversity Visa Program" is so prone to fraud that it is an "open door" through which terrorists can enter the United States legally, according to a government investigation.

The Government Accountability Office (GAO), the non-partisan investigative arm of Congress, examined the program and issued a report on Sept. 21. . .

Among its findings, the GAO called on the State Department to better manage the program to prevent people from successfully using fraudulent identification papers to register for a Diversity Visa (DV).

"This places a premium on mitigating fraud risks," GAO said in a report (GAO-07-1174)

The report says that 9,800 people from countries designated by the State Department as "state sponsors of terrorism" have used this program to gain permanent legal status in the United States. Of those, more than 3,000 have come from Iran and Sudan respectively, while 160 have come from Syria, and 2,700 have come from Cuba.

The Diversity Visa Program differs from other visa programs because it places no emphasis on employer or family sponsorship from within the United States but uses a lottery system to allocate visas.

Since 1995, more than half a million immigrants from countries with low rates of immigration have become legal permanent residents of the United States through the program.

The legislation creating the Diversity Visa Program was signed by President George H.W. Bush in 1990. The program is designed to increase immigration to the United States from countries with low rates of immigration.

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"The Visa Lottery is susceptible to fraud and abuse and provides an avenue into the United States for would-be terrorists and other dangerous aliens. We need to stop gambling with our national security and shut down this lottery program immediately."

Rep. Tom Tancredo

GOVERNOR RICK PERRY

NOT OUR FRIEND

Governor 39% shows why he's Governor 39%

<http://www.lightbulb.com.blogspot>

August 31, 2007 - Leading a large delegation of Texas executives trying to drum up business in Mexico, Gov. Rick Perry on Tuesday criticized the U.S. Congress for failing to pass an immigration bill that would legalize millions of workers.



"I don't think this is that difficult an issue if Congress would have the maturity to sit down and really discuss it and cut out all the mean rhetoric," Perry said during a break in the third day of meetings with Mexican officials and business executives.

"We need those individuals to continue to grow our economy," he said of Texas' undocumented workers, most of whom hail from Mexico. "The vast, vast majority of those individuals want to come and work and take care of their families."

Perry made the remarks in Mexico City, where immigration is nearly as big a hot-button issue as it is in Washington. He spoke at a press conference shortly before meeting with President Felipe Calderon who, like past Mexican presidents, has lobbied for changes in U.S. immigration law that would include a guest-worker program.

The Peter Morrison Report

<http://www.petermorrisonreport.com/perry.htm>

In an unbelievable report on August 29th, Texas Republican Governor Rick Perry showed his support for illegal immigration by telling Mexico that America doesn't need a border fence and that those who oppose his point of view are guilty of "mean rhetoric".

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Governor Perry's Comment Line

1-800-252-9600

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*Robert E. Lee, who said, "Do your duty in all things
You cannot do more; you should never wish to do less."
Amen*

BORDER FENCE 'VERY DOABLE,' ENGINEERS SAY
 CNSNews.com **E-Brief** Sept. 6, 2007

Sandia is working with the federal government in securing the border through a border fence and other measures.



A newly completed section of the border security fence in San Diego, California.

Building a fence across the entire 1,952-mile border of the United States and Mexico can be done, with only two requirements needed, according to engineers.

"All it takes is time and money," said Brian Damkroger, senior manager for border security and exploratory systems at the New Mexico-based Sandia National Laboratories.

Sandia is working with the federal government in securing the border through a border fence and other measures. Sandia also helped design the 15-foot-high, 14-mile-long, double layer security fence in San Diego, viewed by fence proponents as a model of what works in deterring illegal immigration.

A border wall could be constructed across the southern border probably in less than five years if the federal government devoted multiple crews to the project to work on different sections of the wall concurrently, said David Hunley, vice president of Connico, Inc. a Nashville-based engineering firm.

"It's a large-scale project, but it's not high tech," Hunley said. "You just have to have the people to throw at it. You would also need the political will to do it."

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Presidential Candidate and Congressman Duncan Hunter (R-CA) said, when asked who to get in touch with regarding building the fence, his reply was:

"Send a postcard to Secretary Chertoff and write on it:

Build the fence!

It's the law!

*Secretary Michael Chertoff
 U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security
 Washington D.C. 20528*

SCHIP BILL STILL OPENS FEDERAL MONEY TO ILLEGALS, REPUBLICANS CLAIM CNSNews.com

The House and Senate compromise on the reauthorization and expansion of a children's health insurance program would open the federally funded program to illegal immigrants, according to Republicans who oppose the measure.

"The Democrat SCHIP bill changes current law which prevents taxpayer dollars from going to illegal immigrants by including a gaping loophole to allow states to give taxpayer benefits to illegal immigrants," Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.) said in a letter to her colleagues Tuesday.

She was referring to a bill that would reauthorize and expand the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), created in 1997 to pay for health coverage for poor children. The program is set to expire Sept. 30. (the bill passed the House, Sept. 25th)

The proposed expansion would provide an addition \$34.7 billion for the program to include children in families with incomes twice the federal poverty level, which Republicans argue is a first step toward government-run health care.

They are also complaining about provisions that could open coverage to illegal immigrants by loosening standards for proving legal status.

The bill mandates that "in lieu of requiring the individual to present satisfactory documentary evidence of citizenship or nationality ... establish a program under which the State submits each month to the Commissioner of Social Security for verification the name and Social Security number of each individual enrolled in the State plan."

Republicans argue that because Social Security numbers do not denote citizenship - the cards can be issued to non-citizens, including immigrants in the United States temporarily - the new standard would open coverage to non-citizens and possibly illegal immigrants.

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THE CORRECT DEFINITION OF IMMIGRANT ACCORDING TO LAW

The Immigration Act of 1950, also known as The McCarran-Walter Act, defined an immigrant as one who is a Permanent Resident Alien - an alien lawfully admitted to the United States and legally accorded the privilege of residing permanently in the United States who eventually can take advantage of the privilege of applying for United States citizenship.

**NEW LANGUAGE FOR HEALTH CARE
DALLAS MORNING NEWS - 09-15-2007**

Last year, for the first time, fully half of Parkland Hospital's patients were Hispanic...

Meanwhile, doctors and clinics across the area say they are seeing growing numbers of Hispanic patients, many of whom don't speak English and have their own cultural attitudes toward treatment and ethnic vulnerabilities to disease.

At Dallas hospitals, there are now signs in Spanish as well as "translation phones." Texas medical schools are teaching Spanish to the state's future doctors...

Such accommodations are not without controversy.

Some argue not enough is being done to tailor care to a group expected to account for nearly 60 percent of the state's population in 30 years. They say doctors should be required to speak Spanish, or at least have a better understanding of the Hispanic culture. But others bristle at the notion doctors should spend time in medical school learning a foreign language rather than honing their craft.

...And the accommodations go well beyond language. At Parkland, for example, all medical forms are now available in Spanish and the hospital is installing Spanish signs. More than 300 special telephones with two phone handsets serve as electronic translators throughout the hospital.

...Hispanics are also more likely to use herbal remedies and nontraditional healers...and are very trusting of doctors.

...Galina Chavez, a bilingual registered nurse at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas, talked with 86 year old Paula Alcocer, who had come to the hospital after four days of nagging abdominal pain.

A lot of times they'll have pain but can't be specific where it is" said Ms. Chavez, who is from Peru. "When they know you speak Spanish, they give you more information."

...Doctors like Dr. Jerry Frankel, a Plano urologist, chose to deal with the problem another way. He said he told his Spanish-speaking patients to bring someone fluent in English to their appointments.

Dr. Frankel retired from practice Aug. 31. The young doctors who replace him may have to be more accommodating.

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**TEXAS AT TOP OF SPANISH-SPEAKING RANKING
STEPHEN OHLEMACHER, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

About 29 percent of Texas residents speak Spanish at home, a higher percentage than any other state, according to the new census data that illustrate the wide-ranging effects of immigration.

Texas also ranks third in the nation in percentage of people who speak a language at home other than English, at 33.8 percent of the state's population.

Nationwide, nearly one in five people speaks a language at home other than English. The number of immigrants nationwide reached an all-time high of 37.5 million in 2006, affecting incomes and education levels in many cities across the country. But the effects have not been uniform.

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"Under this bill, (SB 1348 - 2007 amnesty bill) every immigrant is his own bubble of linguistic entitlement," says Jim Boulet Jr., executive director of English First.

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WHO'S AFRAID OF VOTER ID?*
Wall Street Journal 15 September 2007
Editorial Staff

Answer: The 80th Texas legislature*

Last week a federal judge in Georgia upheld a state law requiring photo identification to vote. Courts have upheld similar laws in Indiana, Michigan, Mississippi and Arizona. The trend is encouraging. And as U.S. District Judge Harold Murphy noted in his 159-page ruling, arguments that these laws disenfranchise minorities don't hold up to scrutiny.

"Voters who lack photo ID undoubtedly exist somewhere," wrote Judge Murphy, "but the fact that plaintiffs, in spite of their efforts, have failed to uncover anyone 'who can attest to the fact that he/she will be prevented from voting' provides significant support for a conclusion that the photo ID requirement does not unduly burden the right to vote."

The ruling is also significant because Judge Murphy, a Democrat, had rejected a previous version of the law as unconstitutional, likening it to a "poll tax." The version he signed off on last week provides free photo identification to anyone who requests it. And voters who show up at polls without proper ID are permitted to cast provisional ballots. A decision upholding Indiana's voter ID law is being appealed to the Supreme Court. (*Editor: The Supreme Court will be hearing this case in January.*)

Civil rights groups considering appeal in Georgia might first check out a new report on voter ID statues by David Muhlhausen and Keri Weber Sikich of the Heritage Foundation. The report is a state-by-state comparison of the effect of identification laws on voter turnout, and it concludes that "In general, respondents in photo identification and non photo identification states are *just as likely* to report voting compared to respondents from state that only required voters to state their name."

(Emphasis in the original.) That holds true for black, white and Hispanic voters.

Photo IDs are already required to cash checks and board planes, among other things. If such requirements can also help protect the integrity of the ballot, all the better. The only people harmed are voters attempting to skirt the law and the political party they tend to support.

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**MIGRANT RAIDS AN OBSTACLE FOR CENSUS
DALLAS MORNING NEWS - 08-17-07**

Census workers know it will be difficult counting illegal immigrants for the 2010 population tally. But if those immigrants are hiding from enforcement agents, the job will be even tougher.

To make it easier, the Census Bureau wants immigration agents to suspend enforcement raids during the population count. . . Enforcement agents "have a job to do," Deputy Director Preston Jay Waite said. "They may not be able to give us as much of a break" in 2010.

The Constitution requires that the Census Bureau count everyone, including illegal immigrants. The once-a-decade population count is then used to apportion seats in Congress and to appropriate billions of dollars in federal spending each year.

Rep. Candice Miller (R-Mich) has introduced a constitutional amendment that would apportion seats in congress based only on the number of U.S. citizens in each state.

While illegal immigrants have been notoriously hard to count, outside experts estimate that census workers count 85 percent to 90 percent of them.

(Read "Do Voters Really Have Equal Protection?"
<http://www.eagleforum.org/column/2003/nov03/03-11->



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"The laws should be rigidly enforced which prohibit the immigration of a servile class to compete with American labor, with no intention of acquiring citizenship, and bringing with them and retaining habits and customs repugnant to our civilization."

*Grover Cleveland - First Inaugural Address -
Wednesday, March 4, 1885*