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**December 11, 2008 Meeting****Arizona State Representative Russell Pearce****6:45 - Meet and Greet****7:00 - Meeting****Farmers Branch Recreation Center****14050 Heartside Place****Farmers Branch 75234 - Mapsco 13K**

Representative Pearce was co-writer of Prop 200, which restricted illegal immigrants' access to state services and sponsored Arizona's employer sanction law, known as the Fair and Legal Employment Act which suspends or revokes business licenses if employers knowingly hire illegal immigrants.

Representative Pearce served 23 years as a Maricopa County Deputy Sheriff where he was nominated five times as Deputy of the Year, received the very highest honor in law enforcement, and awarded The Medal of Valor for exceptional bravery while critically shot and pursuing the gang members who shot him.

He authored, created and developed "Tent City" while Chief Deputy for Maricopa County Sheriff's office which received local and national attention and awards and saved millions of dollars in new jail construction cost.

As to illegal immigration, Representative Pearce has said, "I will not back off until we solve the problem of this illegal invasion." He goes on to say, "Invaders, that's what they are. Invaders on the American sovereignty and it can't be tolerated. I've always believed in the rule of law. We're a nation of laws."

### ***Our Last Meeting of 2008***



If you miss the December meeting you will miss listening to a man who has been on the battle front in combating illegal immigration. His resume' is so extensive that there was no way it could have been written on the front page of this newsletter. He is a fighter for law and order. This is what he says about himself:

*"I am one of Arizona's (nations) most outspoken advocates for stopping the illegal invasion, securing our borders and enforcing our laws."*

This is your assignment: I am asking each and everyone of you to contact your state representative and senator and give them a personal invitation to attend this meeting. They need to hear Representative Pearce. They need to hear that proving lawful presence is not out of their purview.

The AZ law was upheld in court and it all came down to the political will of Representative Pearce and the other law and order Arizonians to make this happen. Even if you can't attend, will you not take the time to issue the invitation? Contact information on page 7.

The unbelievable story of the Dallas Independent School System issuing fake Social Security numbers to foreign teachers and committing ID theft should be the final reason that calls for the state to come in and take this irresponsible school system over.

Even though the school district is responsible for their actions, the genesis of the problem begins with the federal government for not enforcing the law. The pressure of educating the children of people who have broken our law has consistently increased, and by the lack of political will our government has shown that the Rule of Law does not exist; showing that only the promise of money, votes and power matters.

### **Reminder**

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be a notice that it is due above your name. For those who receive the newsletter via email, you will receive a hard-copy of the newsletter when your membership is due, instead of receiving an email copy.

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Even though things look glum right now on the economic front and we are concerned over what a new administration will bring to our country. On behalf of the 2008 Officers and the Board of Directors, may I wish to all a time of reflection in understanding the reason for the season and for recognizing the blessings and freedoms we still enjoy in America. Even recognizing there are those who wish to take one particular freedom from us, we at CFIR will still stand up and say:

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

*Jean Towell, President*

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***Texas News***

### ***Early Filing of Bills Began on November 10th***

At the time this newsletter was sent for publication, the following immigration legislation had been filed.

#### **Representative Debbie Riddle (R-105 - Houston)**

- ◆ **HB 47** that requires voter identification at the voting booth. In her press release she says, "the issue has its roots in the illegal immigration debate.
- ◆ **HB 48** which creates penalties for employing illegal immigrants.
- ◆ **HB 49** which allows law enforcement to arrest illegal immigrants.
- ◆ **HB 50**, which stipulates that illegal aliens are not eligible for in-state tuition at state universities.

#### **Representative Jim Jackson (R-115-Carrollton)**

- ◆ **HB 208** - Relating to the cancellation of the voter registration and to the eligibility to vote of persons

who are deceased or not citizens of the United States.

**Representative Betty Brown (R-04 Athens)**

- ◆ **HB 125** - To require photo ID for voting.

**Representative Berman (R-03 - Tyler)**

- ◆ **HB 254** - Restricting illegal immigrants to certain geographic regions.
- ◆ **HB 255** - Prohibiting admission by public institutions of higher education of applicants who are not lawfully in the United States.
- ◆ **HB 256** - Relating to birth records of children born in this state; creating an offense.
- ◆ **HB 261** - Relating to enforcement of state and federal laws by certain governmental entities.
- ◆ **HB 262** - Relating to information regarding the citizenship status of students.
- ◆ **HB 263** - Relating to the imposition of a fee for money transmissions sent to certain destinations outside the United States.
- ◆ **HB 266** - Relating to regulating the provision of benefits and services to, and the verification of the employment status of, immigrants and to enforcing laws relating to immigrants; providing civil and criminal penalties.
- ◆ **HCR 13** - Requesting that the president of the United States commute the sentences of United States Border Patrol Agents Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean and get a full pardon to both agents.
- ◆ **HJR 27** - Proposing a constitutional amendment to establish English as the official language of Texas and require that official acts of government be taken in English.

**Representative John Zerwas - (R-28 Austin)**

- ◆ **HB 276** -Relating to the requirement that state agencies report the cost of services and benefits provided to unlawful immigrants.

**Representative Burt Solomons - (R-65 Carrollton)**

- ◆ **HB 128** Relating to the requirement that applicants for certain licenses be eligible for employment in the United States.

**Representative Roberto Alonzo (D-104-Dallas)**

- ◆ **HB 244** Relating to regulation of residential tenancies by local governments. ( Evidently a direct slap at Farmers Branch attempts to crack down on illegal aliens.

**Sen. Leticia Van de Putte (D-26-San Antonio)**

- ◆ **SB 89** Relating to the prosecution, punishment, and prevention of offenses involving trafficking of persons or certain forced or sex-based labor or services. . .



**Key 2009 Legislature Dates**

Source: Legislative Reference Library

**Nov. 10-08** - First day to introduce bills.

**Jan. 13: First Workday.**

The House picks a speaker, its top official.

**March 13: Last Day to File Bills**

Although the rule can be lifted to introduce some later.

**June 1:**

Legislature adjourns.

**What happened in the last legislative session:**

- ◆ 6,190 bills introduced in the House and Senate.
- ◆ 1,481 passed.
- ◆ 51 vetoed by Gov. Rick Perry.

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**Headlines**

***DISD Ignored ID Rule Fake Social Security numbers were used to expedite bilingual hiring.***

*Dallas Morning News, November 14, 2008*

**Excerpt**

Years after being advised by a state agency to stop, the Dallas Independent School District continued to provide foreign citizens with fake Social Security numbers to get them on the payroll quickly.

***School Supplies Fake Social Security Numbers to Teachers***

By Michelle Malkin • November 14, 2008

**Excerpt**

Some of the numbers were real Social Security numbers already assigned to people elsewhere. And in some cases, the state's educator certification office unknowingly used the bogus numbers to run criminal background checks on the new hires, most of whom were brought in to teach bilingual classes.

***Veteran Customs Inspector Helped Smuggle 3,000 Pounds of Cocaine into U.S.***

A veteran customs inspector recently arrested in Texas on drug charges helped traffickers smuggle about 3,000 pounds of cocaine into the country over five years, according to a court document filed last

week. Monday, November 10, 2008 - Andrew Becker, The New York Times.

***GAO Report Reveals TB Patients  
Crossed Borders Undetected***

**FAIR Legislative Update - November 17, 2008**

A GAO report released November 13th has revealed that DHS and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) failed to communicate about the movement across U.S. borders of two travelers with drug resistant tuberculosis (TB). The report, which was requested by Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman Joe Lieberman (ID-CT), Ranking Member Susan Collins (R-ME), Senator Hillary Clinton (D-NY), and Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA), also revealed that DHS' process for inspecting people at the border was deficient. (*Press Release*, November 13, 2008)

***New York Times Examines Care for Uninsured  
Immigrants With Serious Injuries, Illnesses Among  
U.S. Hospitals [Nov 10, 2008]***

[http://www.kaisernetwork.org/daily\\_reports/rep\\_index.cfm?hint=3&DR\\_ID=55467](http://www.kaisernetwork.org/daily_reports/rep_index.cfm?hint=3&DR_ID=55467)

The New York Times on Sunday examined the "haphazard way in which the American health care system handles cases involving uninsured immigrants who are gravely injured or seriously ill." According to the Times, "Whether these patients receive sustained care in this country or are privately deported by a hospital depends on what emergency room they initially visit."

The Times reports that because of limited federal funding and a lack of government oversight, "it is left to individual hospitals, many of whom see themselves as stranded at the crossroads of a failed immigration policy and a failed health care system, to cut through a thicket of financial, legal and ethical concerns" in treating documented and undocumented immigrants. Hospitals are required to treat immigrants who need emergency care, but have "limited options in discharging immigrants who need continuing care: keeping them indefinitely, with or without providing

rehabilitation; finding them charity beds or subsidizing them at nursing homes; sending them home to relatives; or repatriating them," according to the Times.

***State Net Capitol Journal  
News and Views from the 50 States***

**Immigration:** The Bush administration launches a five-year, \$500 million effort to convert the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services agency case-management system from paper-based to electronic. Officials say the new system could reduce backlogs and processing delays by as much as 50 percent while also allowing government agencies like the U.S. Border Patrol to access immigration records faster and more accurately (WASHINGTON POST).

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***Judge Bans Use Of "Illegal" and "Aliens"***

Thu, 11/06/2008 — Judicial Watch Blog

<http://www.judicialwatch.org/blog/2008/nov/judge-ban-use-illegal-and-aliens>

Arizona's Supreme Court chief justice has agreed to enforce the Hispanic Bar Association's demands of banning the terms "illegal" and "aliens" in all of the state's courtrooms.

Claiming that the terms are inflammatory, the president of Arizona's Hispanic Bar Association, (known as Los Abogados) has asked state Supreme Court Chief Justice Ruth McGregor to stop using them at trials or hearings because they create perceptions of judicial bias.

In a strongly worded letter to the chief justice, Los Abogados' president says attaching an illegal status to a person establishes a brand of contemptibility, creates the appearance of anti-immigrant prejudice and tarnishes the image of courts as a place where disputes may be fairly resolved.

It further points out that no human being is illegal and that a national Hispanic journalism association has roundly criticized the reference for dehumanizing a segment of the population. The letter goes on to criticize the state's High Court for using the term

“illegals” in at least two opinions and the term “illegal aliens” in dozens of others.

. . . a list of acceptable and unacceptable terms relating to illegal immigration:

- ◆ Aliens - Illegal aliens - Resident or non-resident aliens
- Illegal immigrants -Illegal immigration -Illegals -
- Immigration epidemic -Immigration crisis - Immigrant
- invasion -Pro-illegal immigration activists
- Open borders advocates -Anchor babies -Proponents
- for amnesty

Among the acceptable terms are:

- ◆ Foreign nationals, unauthorized workers - human rights advocates

***Regarding the previous story this is an updated report from the Center for Immigration Studies***

November 10, 2008 - Jon Feere

<http://cis.org/feere/noillegalsinarizona>:

Amid outcry, the Arizona media is reporting that no words have been definitively banned from Arizona courts. "That is not true," says Carie Gerchick, communications director for the Arizona Supreme Court. "Those words have not been banned from Arizona courtrooms."

Gerchick explains the memo as follows: "A letter was sent in from an organization, a local legal organization, asking a court to essentially ban the use of those words. Under no circumstances did the Chief Justice McGregor ban any words."

The judge did, however, forward the request to all lower courts. But in a conversation I had with Philip Urry, the Clerk for the Court of Appeals Division 1, he said the following: "I do not interpret this as any type of directive to the Arizona courts."

***Continuing the story about the language ruling***

**Activist Language Ruling by the California Court of Appeals**

<http://cis.org/feere/noillegalsinarizona>

. . . (J)udges in a recent California Court of Appeals case involving in-state tuition breaks for illegal aliens took issue with the activist language used by defendants MALDEF and the University of

California (Martinez v. Regents of University of California, 166 Cal. App. 4th 1121; Sept. 15, 2008):

*Defendants prefer the term 'undocumented immigrants.' However, defendants do not cite any authoritative definition of the term and do not support their assertion that the terms 'undocumented immigrant' and 'illegal alien' are interchangeable. We consider the term 'illegal alien' less ambiguous. Thus, under federal law, an 'alien' is "any person not a citizen or national of the United States.' (8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(3).)*

*A 'national of the United States' means a United States citizen or a noncitizen who owes permanent allegiance to the United States. (8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(22).) Under federal law, 'immigrant' means every alien except those classified by federal law as nonimmigrant aliens. (8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15).) 'Nonimmigrant aliens' are, in general, temporary visitors to the United States, such as diplomats and students who have no intention of abandoning their residence in a foreign country. (8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(F), (G)... The federal statutes at issue in this appeal refer to 'alien[s] who [are] not lawfully present in the United States.' (8 U.S.C. §§ 1621(d), 1623(d).) In place of the cumbersome phrase 'alien[s] who [are] not lawfully present,' we shall use the term 'illegal aliens.*

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***Planned Crackdown on Illegal Immigrants to be Scaled Back***

The Washington Post Saturday, November 15, 2008

WASHINGTON – **In a concession to business groups**, the Homeland Security Department will scale back its planned crackdown this winter on federal contractors that hire illegal immigrants.

Under a rule published Friday, the agency said that only contractors that do more than \$100,000 in federal work will be required to use an electronic government system to check the work documents of new hires. Originally, officials had proposed that companies doing \$3,000 in federal work must comply.

The agency also said it would require federal contractors to check only laborers used on specific contracts, instead of their entire workforce.

The revisions significantly reduce the number of companies that will be subject to the program, which will apply to federal contracts and solicitations issued after Jan. 15. The Bush administration had hoped to make the work eligibility system, called E-Verify, mandatory for nearly 200,000 government contractors, covering about 4 million U.S. workers over 10 years.

The government did not say how many companies would be exempted, but stated that it awarded 2.8 million new contracts last year at or below the \$100,000 threshold. The contracts, mostly set-asides for small businesses, were worth \$9 billion, or less than 3 percent of federal obligations.

In any case, the program will usher in a new degree of employee scrutiny in a wide swath of corporate America that does federal business.

**The change came after months of intense lobbying by business groups.** (emphasis editor)

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### ***H-1B Visa Fraud***

#### ***H-1B Visa Reform Takes Shape to Address Fraud, Procedural Nightmares***

IT Infrastructure By Kevin Fogarty 2008-11-07

In the wake of a report claiming up to 20 percent of H-1B applicants may be fraudulent, the U.S. Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services will look more closely at H-1B visa applications.

The agency responsible for granting H-1B visa applications plans to tighten up its procedures for vetting and approving the applications in the wake of a report indicating as many as 20 percent of the applications may be fraudulent or technically flawed.

The U.S. Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, which is responsible for approving and administering H-1B applications, will increase the level of detail in which H-1B visa applications are

examined and do what it can to eliminate the types of problems identified in the report, according to department spokesman Bill Wright.

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#### **Mexico to start lobbying to “stop anti-immigrant raids” and form a National Coalition that would demand immigration reform in the United States**

*National Association of Former Border Patrol Officers.*

El Financiero (Mexico City) 11/16/08

The work of forming a National Coalition for Immigration Reform will begin tomorrow (Monday) in the US, according to counselors of the Institute of Mexicans Abroad (IME). According to the agreement made during a meeting of the IME last week, the coalition will initiate a campaign to demand a stop to “anti-immigrant raids” in the US.

The agreement establishes that Mexican leaders of the coalition will seek contacts with immigrant groups of other nationalities (especially Latin-American) as well as unions, churches, social organizations, businesses, artists and sports people.

The intention is to form a National Coalition that would demand immigration reform and to convince US legislators to bring about change. The coalition will also seek to convince president-elect Obama of the necessity to legalize 12 million immigrants, half of which are Mexican. To achieve this, they will point out that 67% of Latinos voted for him and that, in actuality, 83% of the “Mexicans with US citizenship” backed him at the ballot box. In addition to seeking immigration reform during the first year of Obama’s government, they also ask for a temporary worker program with the option of soliciting [permanent] residence.

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**Correction:** The picture printed in last month’s newsletter was not Armstrong Williams, it was Walter Williams.

**How to be Involved in Government**  
**Compiled by Barbara Luce**

**1. Be Educated:**

- ◆ Congress: [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) and [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov)
- ◆ Congressional legislation, addresses and telephone of all Members, committee assignments, bill information, roll call votes: <http://clerk.house.gov>
- ◆ Detail and summaries of all bills: Library of Congress, [www.thomas.loc.gov](http://www.thomas.loc.gov)
- ◆ Texas legislation: [www.capitol.state.tx.us](http://www.capitol.state.tx.us)

**2. Express your opinion by mail, by telephone, by email or by attending meetings.**

**3. Be Responsible: Know how the House and Senate Members vote and hold them accountable:**

- ◆ House Members: <http://clerk.house.gov>, click on "Roll"
- ◆ Senate Members: [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov), click on "Record Votes"
- ◆ Texas: [www.capitol.state.tx.us](http://www.capitol.state.tx.us), click on "Vote Information." Currently Texas does not require many recorded votes.

**4. Know your current elected official:**

- ◆ Texas Legislature Online: [www.capitol.state.tx.us](http://www.capitol.state.tx.us); at the "Who represents Me?" section enter your address.
- ◆ If you live in a split district go to [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) and enter your 5 digit zip code plus 4 digits at the "Find Your Representative" search box. Your last 4 digits can be found at [www.usps.gov](http://www.usps.gov).
- ◆ Meet your elected officials at senatorial and state conventions, at campaign events and at group or club meetings.

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