



# Citizens For Immigration Reform

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*Our mission is to educate the public, seek reform of the immigration policies, insist that all immigration laws be enforced and our borders be secured.*

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*We will not be having a meeting in August. Our next meeting will be in September with Dr. Stephen Steinlight, a fellow with Center for Immigration Studies. Date of the meeting will be announced as soon as it is firmed up with Dr. Steinlight.*



In the meantime, please continue to keep abreast of what is happening. Amnesty looms on the horizon. There seems to be conflicting stories as to when it may happen. Senator Schumer and Senate Majority Leader, Harry Reid want it this year, Rahm Emanuel, President Obama's right hand man, says it probably won't be this year or even in 2010 because of the mid-term elections.

President Obama knows he has to do something to pay back the Hispanics, business community, ACLU and religious organizations for the support he got from them. It is important we are diligent in combating amnesty. In August, the Congress will adjourn for its *summer vacation*. If your elected official has a Town Hall meeting, try to attend and tell them you are against amnesty. Prepare yourself with common sense questions and be prepared with good rejoinders. Keep in mind that:

**“The best education on Capitol Hill is the white heat of public opinion.”**



Wall Street Journal reports that immigration is slowing all over the world due to the economy. Italy has just changed their immigration policies and they are stringent. They are even going after those who rent to illegal aliens - shades of Farmers Branch. If only our government would stop illegal entry with the same strength of Italy and other European countries.

Check page four to read what Vice President Biden says about giving amnesty and the rise in unemployment. How unconscionable it would be to legalize millions of illegals while citizens go wanting for jobs!



**GOOD NEWS:**

Check out the Senate Victories on page 4 relating to the E-Verify, the border fence and the no-match IRS letters that DHS had rescinded earlier.

Houston has now entered the 287g program and are jettisoning their Sanctuary City status by doing so. Three police officers have been killed since 2006. Evidently Houston officers decided that was too many.

Carrollton and Farmers Branch are participating in the program to do more about protecting citizens. Should we impress upon the Dallas City Council to participate in the program? Yes. There is a problem though.

DHS has changed the rules of the original program. (Pg 3) According to Texas Rep. Lamar Smith and the GAO, the changes contradict the legislative intent of the program and would undermine the effectiveness of the program. I would like to see Dallas enter the program. Whatever effectiveness it would have would be a plus. The downside is that, if the past is any indicator, the Dallas City Council is not that interested in the program with all the reasons we have constantly heard throughout the years. Now they can use the changes to say it won't be worth it.

Let's try anyway. Contact your city councilman and the mayor and ask them to follow Houston and apply to DHS to enter the 287g program. Contact information on page 8.



We were saddened to hear of the death of Jessie Guy. Our sympathy is extended to James, her husband.

During our tenure as an organization we have been blessed to have very fine people as supporters of CFIR's mission who are no longer with us. In recent times, it was because of people like **El Arnold, 'Spell' Spellerberg** and now **Jessie Guy**, that CFIR has continued.

*Jean*

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**Texas News**

**Comparison's between the House State Affairs Committee and the Senate Transportation & Homeland Security Committee on Immigration Bills.**



**The Committee Process:**

The chair of each committee decides when the committee will meet and which bills will be considered.

**House State Affairs Committee Representative Burt Solomons, Chairman**

Total Bills In: 361 - Total Bills Out: 137  
No. of Immigration Bills in - \*38  
No. of Immigration Bill Hearings – 5  
No. of hearings with Start/End Dates – 24 (2/24 – 5/22)  
Immigration Reform Bills Reported Favorably Out of Committee – 1  
No. of Immigration Bills Placed on House Calendar – None  
Immigration Bills Passed into Law – None

**Senate Transportation & Homeland Security Senator John Carona, Chairman\***

Total Bills In: 315 - Total Bills Out: 216  
No. of Immigration Bills in - \*\*13  
No. of Immigration Bill Hearings – 13  
No. of hearings with Start/End Dates – 21 (2/18 – 5/22)  
Immigration Reform Bills Reported Favorably Out of Committee – 10  
No. of Immigration Bills Placed on House Calendar – 6  
Immigration Bills Passed into Law –

\*This is approximate number and it includes several House Joint & Concurrent Resolutions which were not listed in Google spreadsheet.

\*\*This is approximate number as a couple of Carona's bills referred to "organized crime" vs. "criminal street gang."

Most notably, only 1 out of 38 immigration-related bills filed in Solomons' committee were reported favorably out of committee (fewer than 3%), whereas Senator Carona in the Senate passed over 75% of immigration-related bills out of his committee.

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..."We've demonstrated pretty clearly we can keep those bills from ever coming to the floor," said Martinez Fischer, a San Antonio Democrat. "Joe (Strauss - Speaker of Texas House) understands the idea of what comes around goes around -- we just have a philosophical respect for each other."

Washington D.C.

*Wall Street Journal*, July 11-12, 2009

***New Curbs Set on Arrests of Illegal Immigrants  
Revamped 287g Program Will Target Only  
Serious Crimes, not Minor Infractions; Sheriff  
Arpaio Refuses to Ease Up.***

***Excerpt:***

The Department of Homeland Security said Friday it was revising a program that authorized local police to enforce federal immigration law --a controversial aspect of U.S. border policy.

Opponents said the program known as 287g, was intended to identify criminal aliens but instead has led to racial profiling and arrest illegal immigrants for such minor infractions as a broken tail light. Program supporters said it has been an effective tool for combating illegal immigration.

The new guidelines sharply reduce the ability of local law enforcement to arrest and screen suspected illegal immigrants. They are intended to prevent sheriff and police departments from arresting people "for minor offenses as a guise to initiate removal proceedings," according to Homeland Security. The program will instead focus on more serious criminals.

In the past two years, more than 120,000 suspected illegal immigrants were identified through the program, and most ended up in deportation proceedings. By comparison, ICE removed 356,739 illegal immigrants from the U.S. during the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 2008 - a 23.5% increase over the 2007 total.

The most active local enforcer has been Joe Arpaio, the sheriff of Arizona's Maricopa County. He said Friday he would continue pursuing illegal immigrants, arguing that state laws allow neighborhood crime sweeps and worksite raids.

"If I'm told not to enforce immigration law except if the alien is a violent criminal, my answer to that is we are still going to do the same thing, 287g or not," said Mr. Arpaio.

***Changes in 287g Program Contradict Legislative Intent of the Program - FAIR Report***

***Excerpt:***

According to the author of the legislation that created 287(g) (**House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Lamar Smith (R-TX)**), the new, one-size-fits-all, Washington-knows-best MOA approach contradicts with the legislative intent of the program. Smith noted at a House Homeland Security Committee hearing in March that "the goal was to really enable those local law enforcement authorities who wanted to enforce the immigration laws in whatever way they thought best...and that's really a decision made by the government in individual situations." ([House Homeland Security Committee Hearing](#), March 4, 2009).

In addition, ICE's new emphasis on aligning 287(g) with "the identification and removal of criminal aliens" is another departure from Congress' intent. According to Smith, 287(g) MOAs should be tailored to suit the needs of law enforcement agencies who elect to participate in the program, "and that might or might not include those who have committed serious crimes." (*Id.*). DHS' announcement eliminates much needed flexibility in the program that has helped local government tailor the MOAs to meet their local needs.

A January 2009 Government Accountability Office (GAO) report confirming Rep. Smith's statement regarding the focus of the 287(g) program calls into question the DHS decision, which could dramatically undermine the effectiveness of the program. According to GAO, "Section 287(g) and its legislative history do not detail...which removable aliens should be prioritized for removal." ([GAO Report](#), January 2009)

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***Armey's Axiom***

***There's no right way to do the wrong thing.***

*Former Congressman Dick Armey*

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### **E-Verify and Border Fence Amendments to the Department Homeland Security Appropriations Bill**

Senator Jeff Sessions (R-Ala.), after multiple failures, finally got approval of an amendment to require E-Verify for all employees on federal contracts.

Sen. DeMint (R-S.C.) won on an amendment to require the completion of 700 miles of fencing along the Mexican border.

Senator Grassley's amendment would allow employers using E-Verify to check the workplace eligibility of all employees, not just new hires. Under current law, E-Verify may only be used for new hires.

The Senate also passed an amendment prohibiting the department from changing the program, known as the no-match rule, that had just been rescinded by the Obama administration the day before.

Now the House and Senate versions will have to go to the conference committee where these amendments could be stricken from the bill. At the time of the printing of the newsletter, what will happen to these amendments is, of course, unclear.

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### ***Vice President Biden Acknowledges the Obvious Americans Oppose Amnesty FAIR Immigration Report***

At a recent news conference in Costa Rica, Vice President Joe Biden, a man known for being direct, came right to the point on the subject of a potential amnesty for illegal aliens. "It's difficult to tell a constituency while unemployment is rising, they're losing their jobs and their homes, that what we should do is in fact legalize (illegal immigrants) and stop all deportation," Biden stated.

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### ***Wall Street Journal - July 3, 2009 Rising Job Losses Dampen Hope of Recovery Kelly Evans & Alex Frangos***

Job losses accelerated more quickly than expected last month and the unemployment rate rose to 9.5%, casting doubt on prospects for the U.S. economy to soon rebound

### ***Americans Support Universal Health Coverage, But Not If It Covers Illegal Immigrants Point of View.org***

- Eighty percent (80%) of U.S. voters oppose providing government health care coverage for illegal immigrants as part of the health care reform package that is working its way through Congress.
  - The latest Rasmussen Reports national telephone survey finds that just 11% disagree and think coverage for illegals is a good idea.
  - Most voters also oppose making health insurance mandatory for all Americans.
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- Still, two-thirds (65%) believe that every single American should have access to quality health care. Twenty-two percent (22%) disagree, 12% are not sure.
  - While most Americans support the idea of providing quality health care coverage for all Americans, they overwhelmingly oppose such a proposal if it also includes coverage for illegal immigrants. Only 20% favor a proposal for universal health care if illegal immigrants are included. Seventy percent (70%) are against such a proposal.
  - But, as is often the case, there's a wide division between Mainstream America and the Political Class on this question. The Political Class is evenly divided on the question of a universal health care plan that includes coverage for illegal immigrants. Those with populist or Mainstream views are overwhelmingly opposed.
  - The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that up to 22% of the 46 million people in America without health insurance are illegal immigrants.
  - Roughly nine-out-of-10 conservatives oppose providing coverage for illegals, even in the context of a plan that provides quality health care for all Americans. Liberals are evenly divided over such coverage if it's part of a universal plan.

- Sixty-six percent (66%) of voters nationwide say it is very important for the government to improve its enforcement of the borders and reduce illegal immigration, but just 32% of America's Political Class agrees.
- A majority of voters also favor strict government sanctions on employers who hire illegal immigrants. Yet despite reports that the president plans to begin a push for immigration reform, voters rank it fifth out of five priorities he has proposed this year.

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We're not going to cover undocumented aliens, undocumented workers," Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., said at a meeting with reporters. "That's too politically explosive."

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## ***Doing Business with Mexico***

### ***Low-Friction Border Crossings***

**Wall Street Journal, May 27, 2009**

### ***Doing Business in the Time of Mexican Drug Chaos Narcotics Stashed in Shipments of Televisions, Auto Parts, Take Advantage of Security Clearances for Open Trade***

Extract:

**U**.S. Customs agents got a surprise on April 9, when they checked a trailer of an 18-wheel truck crossing into El Paso, Texas, from Mexico and found more than 9,000 pounds of marijuana hidden among auto parts bound for U.S. factories.

A startling aspect of the bust: The pot was packed into a shipment belonging to auto parts giant Delphi Corp. The Michigan-based company has operated in Mexico for decades, ranks among the country's top three private employers, and, until now, has never had an incident where drugs were found among its cargo, according to the company.



*Mexican Troops in front of Sharp Electronics*

Marijuana entered a Sharp Electronics assembly plant in Rosarito, Mexico, last year via a components supplier. Delphi spokeswoman Xochitl Diaz confirmed the company had been notified about the seizure by U.S. Customs, but declined to offer details, citing a continuing U.S. investigation.

The bust highlights one of border control's endless conundrums: how to deter clever criminals from manipulating security systems for their own benefit. \*In an era of open trade, Customs officials encourage exporters to beef up internal security measures to earn the privilege of fast transit through border checkpoints.

Thousands of manufacturers, shippers and cargo expeditors have been certified under a number of U.S. government programs that designate compliance. The unintended result of that compliance: \*Those same exporters are increasingly likely to be targeted by smugglers, who look to piggyback their contraband on legal cargo that makes low-friction border crossings, according to law enforcement officials.

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The increased violence between cartels that has claimed 10,000 lives in just over two years has forced many firms to take extraordinary security measures. Brazen drug gangs are also branching out into crimes such as hijacking trucks and stealing cargo, terrorizing employees and raising the cost of doing business throughout Mexico.

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Mexico is the U.S.'s second-largest trade partner and perennially among the top ten destinations for U.S. companies investment abroad, getting about \$10 billion worth of U.S. investment.

. . . So far, the violence doesn't appear to have slowed

investment. Indeed, many firms from the U.S., Asia and Europe are adding capacity to industrial parks here, especially since the Mexican peso has weakened against the dollar, making Mexican exports more competitive in dollar terms.

\*Underline: editor

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### ***National Security: GAO Says U.S. Damaging Its Own Mexican Drug Efforts***

• "The United States lacks a coordinated strategy to stem the flow of weapons smuggled across its southern border, a failure that has fueled the rise of powerful criminal cartels and violence in Mexico, a government watchdog agency report has found," the [Los Angeles Times](#) reports. "The report by the congressional Government Accountability Office, the first federal assessment of the issue, offered blistering conclusions that will probably influence the debate over the role of U.S.-made weaponry as violence threatens to spill across the Mexico border."

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### **Drug Seizures/ Pounds of Drugs Confiscated at U.S.-Mexico Ports**

Data are for first seven and a half months of the 2009 fiscal year

Marijuana - 440,571 Cocaine - 10,758  
Methamphetamine - 2, 526 Heroin - 626

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### ***Speaking English***

#### ***If Only We Had More People Like James Reza***

#### **Willing Accomplices to Ignorance**

James Reza - Dallas Blog.com



Just this week while waiting for a prescription at Wal-Mart's, a young Hispanic in front of me was asked by the pharmacy cashier, "What's your name?"

The man in question, look dumbfounded. He turned to a man standing next to him and asked, "Que dijo la

senora?" ("What did the woman say?") I started to laugh when the man (an Anglo) responded, "What the hell did you say?" Then the Hispanic man turned and asked me, "Hablas espanol?" ("Do you speak Spanish?") I answered, "Si, pero ya es tiempo que tu aprendas igles." ("Yes, but it is time for you to learn English.") The cashier then summoned someone from the store that could interpret for the Hispanic man. After the Hispanic man got his medication he turned and gave me a go to hell look and left. Unperturbed, by the Hispanic man's look, I stepped up to get my prescription. The pharmacy cashier (who knows me) asked me, "James, why didn't you help the poor man?" I told her, "It is time that he and so many others like him who want to be in our country learn to speak English. You, along with so many others who cater to these folk's needs in Spanish are in essence caging them from ever wanting to learn English. And, I thank God Almighty for never having people like you around me when I was growing up. Had I've had folks like you, politicians, clergymen, teachers, who promote bilingualism I, along with so many other American Hispanics would have never learned to speak and write English. I, in essence, would have been an exact replica of the foolish Spanish speaking only man you just helped by catering to him in Spanish!" The cashier was shocked by my answer.

Folks, I don't know about you, but I'm sick and tired of all this Spanish nonsense. Particularly, when it pertains to job openings in all sectors of our economy. Not to long ago I read where in some school districts in Texas, school principals had to be fluent in Spanish to be considered for the position.

Now come on folks, is that utter ignorance or what? You go to college to be a teacher; you work hard, go up the ladder and are considered for a position as a principal, but then you are denied for the position because you don't speak Spanish.



I'm sorry Mr. Simon but you are not fluent in Spanish

N E X T

Speaking at a ProEnglish press conference in Washington D.C., Congressman Steve King of Iowa unveiled a new study by the Arlington, Virginia-based Lexington Institute, which estimates the U.S. economy loses \$65 billion a year in wages due to immigrants' lack of English fluency.

ProEnglish Executive Director K. C. McAlpin said, "We were stunned by the size of the economic loss. It's no secret that immigrants' inability to speak English well limits their opportunities in the U.S. Mr. McAlpin also stated that President Obama said that investing in the skilled workforce America needs for the 21st century is a critical national priority. The Lexington study shows that one sure way to do that would be to expand access to English as a second language classes for adults and scrap the failed experiment known as bilingual education in our public schools.

The Lexington Institute study cited research showing that: Immigrants who speak English "well" earn 33 percent more, and those who speak English "very well" earn more on average, than immigrants who speak English poorly.

To confirm the study by the Lexington Institute, the U.S. Department of Education states that drop out rates of Hispanics in 2007 was 21.4 percent, while White students rates were 5.3 percent, and Black students at an improved 8.4 percent — so much for Bilingual Education folks.

In a recent Supreme Court decision in *Horne v. Flores*

(suit involving a Nogales, Arizona school district) the court recognized the demonstrated effectiveness of structured English immersion (SEI) teaching methods for teaching English language learners (ELL). The majority opinion stated, "Research on ELL instruction indicates there is documented, academic support for the view that SEI is significantly more effective than bilingual education. Folks, immersion works! I'm a living testimony to that!"

Arizona's Governor Jan Brewer made this crucial comment: "Although I'm please to learn of the State of Arizona's victory in the courtroom, I am even more pleased that we are winning this effort in the classroom. A recent report from the Arizona Department of Education reflects very positive progress with the state's new models that include actual English language development — Arizona students that have gained proficiency in English have more than doubled over the last two years to nearly 40,000 students.

Ladies and gentlemen, this non-bilingual educated Hispanic rests his case!

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A general dissolution of principles and manners will more surely overthrow the liberties of America than the whole force of the common enemy.

Samuel Adams

Apathy is the greatest danger to our freedom.

Source Unknown

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*“One police officer or citizen killed at the hands of illegal aliens is one too many.”*