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Senate poised to pass amnesty and ruin House-passed border security improvements

Dear Supporters of U.S. border security and sensible immigration numbers,

We won some tremendous victories last month in U.S. House votes to secure the border and take away the job magnet from illegal aliens.

But the improvements are at great risk. We need you to act now!

The Senate is poised to take away the House-passed improvements by passing an amnesty for illegal aliens and by making it easier for illegal aliens to come to the United States. This would destroy any improvements gained from the border security and interior enforcement provisions of the bipartisan House-passed H.R. 4437.

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[Background on House Victory in December](#)

After months of phoning and faxing on the part of the NumbersUSA Action Network, the House of Representatives passed a strong, bipartisan border security and enforcement bill, H.R. 4437, just before Christmas. [H.R. 4437 also represents the first time since 1924 that either chamber of Congress has approved legislation to REDUCE legal immigration!](#)

You can see a description of every amendment, disposition, vote totals and links to roll calls so you can see how the Representatives from your state acted

on our special Vote Day page (we updated it throughout the two days of votes, often before the House website was updated).

View results here:

www.numbersusa.com/hottopic/4437.html

Among the many provisions contained in H.R. 4437, as passed by the House, the following are the ones we believe are most likely to lead to a reduction in immigration numbers:

Improvements

- All businesses in two years would have to use an electronic system to check if all new hires have the legal right to work in the country;
- After six years, all businesses would have to check their entire workforce to ensure their legality;
- A security fence must be built through all populated areas along the Mexican border, and technology and manpower must be increased to create a "virtual fence" along the rest of that border;
- The federal government has to stop its interior catch and release program in which it tells local governments to release most of the illegal aliens that they catch. H.R. 4437 mandates federal cooperation with local authorities and provides clear authorization for local officials to perform most immigration enforcement;
- An end to the visa lottery, a program that annually awards 50,000 permanent green cards to randomly selected winners.

If the Senate would approve this same bill and if the President would sign it and fully implement it, we have no doubt that we would see the illegal population in this country reduced over the next 10 years to a small fraction of its current size. But there is a grave danger pending in the Senate?

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The Battle in the Senate is NOW

The action has moved to a hostile, foreign country -- the U.S. Senate, where the majority works harder for corporations and foreign workers than for American workers and their families.

Senate leaders hope to pass their own immigration bill before March.

The two bills will then go into a joint Conference Committee of negotiators who will create a compromise bill that goes back to both chambers of Congress for a final vote.

We expect a poor to terrible bill to come out of the Senate. But we will be fighting to get as good of a bill as possible to improve chances of creating a compromise bill close to what the House passed.

[Sen. Specter's Plan...Amnesty and Guestworkers](#)

Our Senate sources have told us that Senate Judiciary Chairman Specter (R-PA) has a plan to force backers of tough immigration enforcement to accept amnesty and guestworker programs as the only way that Specter will allow a crackdown on illegal immigration.

Sen. Specter is already executing his plan with the hope of having it all in place when he hopes his committee will pass the amnesty/guestworker bill in early February.

Based on his sneak efforts in November, also anticipate that Sen. Specter will slip into the bill major increases in permanent green cards. (In November, he added 350,000 permanent worker slots EACH YEAR to the Budget Reconciliation bill. Fortunately, activism by the NumbersUSA membership and by our allies among House leaders forced every single one of those slots out of the bill before final passage.)

For some reason, Sen. Specter and his staff have come to believe that no matter how outrageous their efforts for creating open borders and flooding American communities with foreign workers that the public won't really pay that much attention to them.

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<http://www.numbersusa.com/actionnetwork>. We do NOT sell or share email addresses.

With your help we will continue to ask all Senators to stop all efforts to include legalization or mass guestworker programs in their immigration bill. Our challenge is to encourage them to follow the House lead and create an ENFORCEMENT-ONLY bill.