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It's War: The Council Mobilizes Against Bipartisan Amnesty Bill

The battles lines have been drawn and now it is an all out war against S. 744, the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act. On April 17, a bipartisan group of senators known as the "Gang of Eight" introduced the immigration proposal aimed at comprehensively overhauling the nation's immigration

laws. Senators Charles Schumer (D-NY) and John McCain (R-AZ) along with Richard Durbin (D-IL), Lindsey Graham (R-SC), Robert Menendez (D-NJ), Marco Rubio (R-FL), Michael Bennet (D-CO), and Jeff Flake (R-AZ), worked closely with the Obama White

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**Sneak of the Month:
Frank Sharry
from America's
Voice**



Florida Senator Marco Rubio, member of the bipartisan "Gang of Eight," has taken a leadership role in advocating passage of the latest amnesty bill known as S. 744, the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act.



Representative Raúl Labrador (R-ID) continues to take a strong stand against amnesty and only supports legal immigration.

Immigration Battle Consumes Conservative Conference

The winter Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) held in Washington, DC, recently is the premier gathering for conservatives nationwide. It draws attendees from nearly all right-of-center think tanks, media outlets, political groups, and politicians. The

2013 CPAC conference featured many speakers and panel discussions, but none received more attention from the crowds than the "Respecting Families and The Rule Of Law: A Lasting Immigration Policy" panel.

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We Want To Hear From You

We Need Your Help!

Dear Friend,

The bipartisan “Gang of Eight” Senators have finally introduced their immigration reform legislation: S. 744. The 844-page bill represents a lot of compromises by groups on the left and right. You know who loses? The American people do.

This proposed legislation is being hailed by the mainstream media as meaningful immigration reform, but we stand by our original claim that it is just another attempt at backdoor amnesty. The proposed Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act doesn’t address the underlying problems that need to be discussed if our nation is going to actually tackle illegal immigration.

Again, I would say that this type of wipe-the-slate-clean legislation didn’t work in 1986 under President Reagan, and it won’t work now. Thank you for your faithful support and return those signed petitions today!

Keep fighting for America,



Steven J. LeBlanc
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SNEAK OF THE MONTH: Frank Sharry, America’s Voice

Although several pro-immigration groups have been publicly applauding the language crafted by the bipartisan “Gang of Eight” Senators, amnesty advocate Frank Sharry takes the cake. He actually praises S. 744, the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act, for avoiding concrete border security requirements in the bill

“The triggers are based on developing plans and spending money, not on reaching that effectiveness, which is really quite clever,” said Sharry, Executive Director of pro-immigration advocacy group America’s Voice, in the *Wall Street Journal*.

The legislation sets goals for the Department of Homeland Security to be able to monitor comings and goings across the entire southern border and to apprehend or turn back 90% of people trying to cross illegally. Before undocumented immigrants are allowed to obtain green cards, a plan to reach those goals has to be “substantially deployed and substantially operational,” the bill says. It doesn’t require the plan to be fully implemented, meaning there is no process to ensure the security goals are ever met.

So in other words, Congress should feel free to spend the taxpayers’ money, then make a plan at

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Frank Sharry of America’s Voice

some later date to figure out if it is working out the way the lawmakers intended. Don’t bother with asking for measurable data for some kind of review to see if the policy goals have been “substantially deployed and substantially operational.”

Sharry calls it clever. We call it borderline criminal. Shame on him.

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House, labor unions, and big business to hammer out a political compromise on a wide range of issues, from border security to H-1B program changes. The result of all the political wrangling is a behemoth 844-page proposal.

“The most important stakeholders in this policy debate – the American people – were noticeably left out of the closed door discussions,” said National

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The panelists included: Dr. Whit Ayers, President, North Star Opinion Research; Daniel Garza, Executive Director, The LIBRE Initiative; Helen Kriebel, Founder and President, The Vernon K. Kriebel Foundation; Jennifer Korn, Executive Director, American Action Network; and, The Honorable Raúl Labrador (R-ID).

Of the panelists, Rep. Labrador handily brought the most compelling personal and professional perspective to the immigration discussion. Born in Puerto Rico to a single mother, Labrador moved to Nevada as a young child and watched his mother sacrifice to help achieve the American Dream for their family.

Today, Labrador represents a district that does not have a large number of Latino constituents. The second-term Congressman previously worked as an immigration attorney for 15 years before being elected in 2010 to

Spokesman Steve LeBlanc.

“That is why our petition drive is more important than ever.

“We must have voters from every Congressional district in this country responding to our petition campaign. That way lawmakers in both parties will have to confront the illegal immigration crisis head-on with meaningful, not politically expedient, policies.

“We must hold the ‘Gang of

the House.

“We can offer a modern immigration system that keeps us strong, safe, and free,” Labrador said at CPAC 2013. “It’s time again for the Republican party to again become the party of change.”

Labrador laid out a straightforward, three-point plan for reforming and modernizing our immigration system:

- 1 – We must secure our borders and have effective enforcement of our immigration laws.
- 2 – Create a robust guest worker program that matches willing workers with employers.
- 3 – Create a better high-skill immigration process.

Labrador said that many foreign students are forced to leave after graduation, taking their ideas elsewhere. Labrador

got a round of applause when he said anyone can apply to come to America but they must follow the rules.

“It would be a travesty in my opinion to treat who violated our laws to get here, much better than those who have patiently waited their turn to come to the United States the right way,” he said.

Read all 844 pages of S. 744 :
<http://1.usa.gov/15x8zXD>

As pollster Whit Ayres called for the GOP to bring in Hispanics, one man yelled out, “Legally!” earning a roar of applause from the audience.

The energy in the room made it clear that the crowd was keenly interested in the debate surrounding reforming legal immigration. The audience was also quite vocal in voicing their disapproval of legislation that would reward illegal immigrants with citizenship as politically correct and not in the nation’s best interests

Border Security News in Brief

Kudos to Senator David Vitter and His Staff for Red-Flagging Concerns in S. 744

The official Twitter account for Senator David Vitter (R-LA) has been chock full of great analysis on S. 744 since the bill was officially introduced by the “Gang of Eight.”

Just a few of the policy points red-flagged by Sen. Vitter and his staff should raise more than a few eyebrows – and serious questions about the entire bill:

- Use of the word “waiver” 94 times.
- Bill includes 400 exemptions, exceptions, waivers, determinations, and grants of discretion.
- Pg 12 leaves out an important system that tells who is coming and going from our land ports by only monitoring air and sea borders.
- Pg. 44 provides taxpayer-funded phones with satellite capabilities.
- Pg. 78 grants “amnesty for employers” instead of punishing employers who hired illegal aliens.
- Pg. 86 creates a national ID card for illegal aliens. It also allows illegal immigrants to come and go as they please.
- Pg. 87 allows illegal aliens with amnesty “provisional” status

to work in the U.S. and travel outside of the U.S. without obtaining a visa.

– Pg. 102 gives Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano authority to waive work requirements for “provisional” status, thereby allowing illegal aliens to gain permanent residence.

– Pg. 117 repeals in-state tuition ban for illegal immigrants.

And these are just a few of the gems from the first 100-plus pages of a document more than 800 pages long.

You can follow the U.S. Border Security Council on Twitter at twitter.com/USBorderSec.

You can also follow Sen. Vitter’s tweets at twitter.com/DavidVitter.

Pet Projects Included in the Massive Gang of Eight Immigration Reform Bill

S. 744 lays out plans to spend at least \$4.5 billion more on border security and to legalize some 11 million unauthorized immigrants living in the United States, but it also has a number of pet projects included within the 844-page document. A few of the most egregious examples follow:

- Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) wants more visas for the meat industry – a major employer in his state.
- Senator Charles Schumer

(D-NY) pushed for special treatment for Irish workers. (New York is home to a large population with Irish ancestry.)

– Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) included help for the cruise-ship industry – a cornerstone to Florida’s tourist industry.

– Senator Michael Bennet (D-CO) managed to put in language that will be a boost for ski areas.

All indications are that The Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act may be far worse than the 1986 or 1996 attempts at immigration reform as evidenced above.

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