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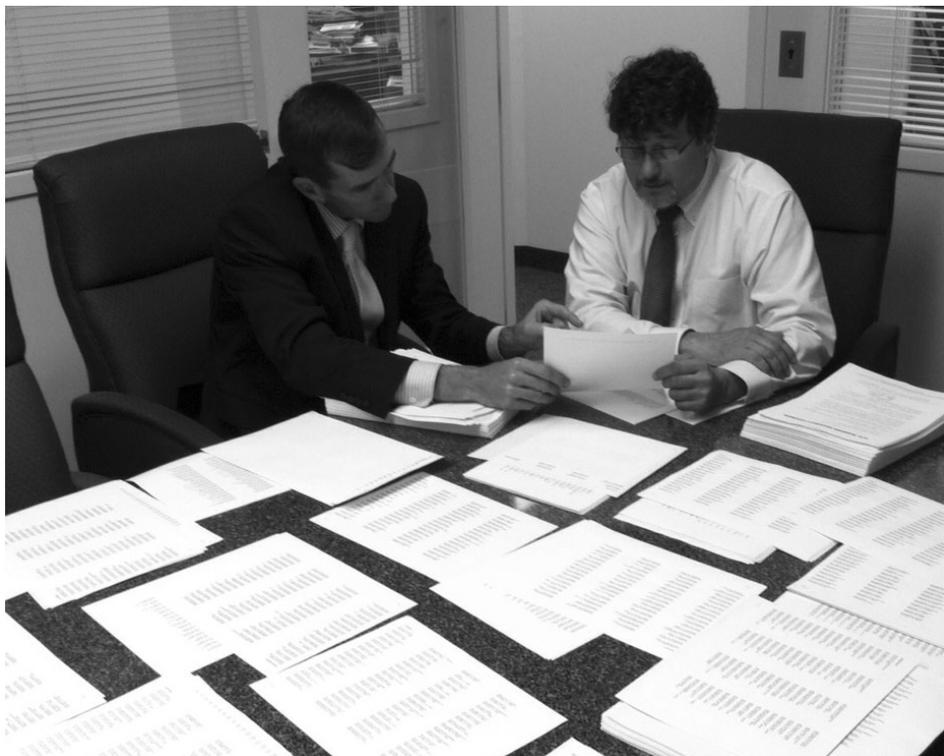
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Petitions Slow Amnesty Push

This month, the effects of the latest U.S. Border Security Council's nationwide petition drive against amnesty are beginning to be felt around Washington.

After the hoop-la around the Senate vote on S. 744, the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act died down, the real political battle against the flawed immigration reform bill emerged from the shadows.

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Steve LeBlanc (right), U.S. Border Security Council's National Spokesman, along with Sean Ferritor (left), Director of the Council's "No Amnesty Project," review the latest urgent delivery of petitions against blanket amnesty for illegal immigrants.

LeBlanc Vows to Fight H.R. 2000

In May, the House quietly introduced the latest effort to change the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico into a state.

In November of 2012, 1.3 million voters in Puerto Rico went to the ballot box to voice their opinions on the territory's legal status. In the first question, 54 percent of voters said they were not content with the commonwealth status. The second question asked voters to choose a legal status with the mixed results showing:

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The U.S. Border Security Council's Sean Ferritor and Owen Thomas are heading up the effort to defeat Puerto Rican statehood. As we go to print this newsletter, 90 Democrats and 9 Republicans are cosponsoring Pierluisi's statehood legislation.

We Want To Hear From You

We Need Your Help!

Dear Friend,

The pressure is on the leadership of the House to stand firm on immigration reform. Pro-amnesty forces are banking on our side letting down our guard. The makeup of the current Senate represents their best chance to pass their “pathway to citizenship” in the form of the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act that was championed by the bipartisan “Gang of Eight” — at least until one of their own defected leaving the “Gang of Seven.”

The House leadership has a mixed record of standing up to special interests, especially when the political pressure involves filling their re-election coffers. It just highlights the critical need for our supporters to keep returning those “No Amnesty” petitions — that way we have black-and-white evidence to make our case before politicians who need to be reminded that encouraging more illegal immigration isn’t the answer.

Keep fighting for America,



Steven J. LeBlanc
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SNEAK OF THE MONTH: **First Lady Michelle Obama, Grassroots Stumping for La Raza and Amnesty**

This month in New Orleans, Louisiana, First Lady Michelle Obama used her platform as proxy for the White House to address the National Council of La Raza convention — and to let it be known that the White House would be lending its political weight to the immigration fight in Congress.

She delivered the pro-immigration, pro-amnesty keynote address to the Latino advocacy group. The AP reported that Mrs. Obama urged the attendees “to stay encouraged and continue to press the House to follow the lead of the Senate and pass an immigration bill.

“Do not give up because I promise you my husband won’t give up until a good bill gets on his desk,” she said.

Her remarks are a clear shot across the bow that the White House plans to put the maximum amount

of pressure on lawmakers in the House to bring the Senate-version of immigration reform to the floor.

This La Raza address marks a sea change in the issues Mrs. Obama is tackling during the President’s second term in office. Historically, First Ladies do not take up controversial, divisive issues, but Mrs. Obama has a legion of her own fans, and pro-amnesty forces are pulling out all of the stops to ram this highly-flawed bill through Congress before midterm elections next year.

Our nation’s problems with illegal immigration will not be solved by the legislation passed in haste by the Senate, but it was the best they could muster. Let us hope the House leaders have the backbone to stand up against the pro-amnesty agenda for the good of the entire nation.

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House leadership announced that the comprehensive immigration reform legislation would not come to the floor.

“Our grassroots petitions provide elected leaders with concrete, tangible evidence that American voters in every state do not want this form of backdoor amnesty for illegal immigrants,” said U.S. Border Security Council National Spokesman Steve LeBlanc.

“Pro-amnesty and pro-illegal immigration politicians continue to insist that the proposed bill will increase border security, provide a pathway to citizenship, and will ease the economic concerns of immigrants living in the shadows without legal status.

“But, the now 1,000+ page bill included in the Senate-passed version does not provide a blueprint to make those goals a reality — it is just a waste of a tree to print this blatant political pandering,” said LeBlanc.

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nearly 800,000 supported statehood; 437,000 backed sovereign free association; 72,560 chose independence; and nearly half a million leaving the question blank. Clearly, even the residents of Puerto Rico have very mixed feelings about the future of their island home.

“What this means is that, once again, Congress is pushing a legislative agenda that the people don’t even want,” said U.S. Border Security Council National Spokesman Steve LeBlanc. “Over 470,000 voters intentionally left the second question in the two-part referendum blank — meaning that only 45 percent of those casting ballots supported statehood. It’s ludicrous and we will not allow it to move ahead without a knock-down, drag-out fight.”

Puerto Ricans already enjoy status as U.S. citizens, and make up about 1.3% of the total population of the United States. They enjoy all the benefits of citizenship, except one: Puerto Ricans who live in Puerto Rico cannot vote for the U.S. President in the general elections (those who live in the United States mainland are allowed to vote).

“This is another attempt at Democrats trying to ram statehood through because it means they would get two far-left Senators who would vote for their open borders, pro-illegal immigration agenda,” said

Supporters of the U.S. Border Security Council’s mission must continue to pressure elected politicians and remind them — with stacks of petitions that they can see and touch, as well as face-to-face meetings with their staff to press our case — that the American people still have a say in the running of their government.

These important petitions and surveys are key to telling our story on Capitol Hill.

“We need our supporters to take part in each and every one of our nationwide grassroots outreach efforts,” said LeBlanc. “They will be counted and then delivered to Congressional offices in Washington so that elected politicians know U.S. Border Security Council supporters will hold them accountable for their vote and position on comprehensive immigration reform.”

LeBlanc. “Statehood could also take away 6 to 8 Congressmen from states like New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Michigan and Missouri — and give them to Puerto Rico,” he continued.

In April, the Obama White House announced its support for Puerto Rican statehood with a \$2.5 million dollar campaign to fund a status vote for the first time in Puerto Rico’s history.

According to the White House, the money would go to the local elections commission for an education campaign and a plebiscite to resolve the island’s political status, with the U.S. Attorney General having to approve the ballot beforehand. (A plebiscite is a direct election in which a population exercises the right of national self-determination.)

“It doesn’t seem to matter to the President and other Democrats in Washington that the majority of Puerto Ricans opposed becoming the 51st state in national referendums in 1993, 1998, and 2012,” said LeBlanc. “We will continue our nationwide petition drive to stop Puerto Rico statehood over the summer.”

A congressional hearing will be held on August 1 on the future of Puerto Rican statehood and H.R. 2000.

Border Security News in Brief

July 2013 Washington Post-ABC News Poll Offers Proof That the Public Opposes Another Round of Amnesty in Latest Immigration Reform

The latest *Washington Post-ABC News* poll asked the public how the pro-amnesty, “Gang of Eight” comprehensive immigration reform bill should proceed in the House of Representatives.

The majority, 53% answered, they would rather break the Senate plan into pieces to be considered separately. Another 15% either did not want either option or had no opinion. Only 32% wanted an “up or down” vote on the version that the Senate passed.

Senator Criticizes the Senate’s Version of Border Security as Included in the Immigration Bill

Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) made several strongly worded statements at a House Homeland Security Committee hearing in late July. Sen. Cornyn argued that the Senate bill as introduced, amended, and passed spends too much money and does not have a coherent plan for how to secure the border.

In fact, Sen. Cornyn said, “The American people will simply not accept immigration reform unless it guarantees border security results...Unfortunately, the Senate-passed immigration bill, S. 744, fails this test completely.

“Without a coherent strategy or metrics to measure results, add-

ing this many new Border Patrol agents could go down as one of the most massive wastes of money in the history of the federal government,” he said.

Representative Candice Miller (R-MI), House Border and Maritime Security Subcommittee chairwoman, endorsed the same policy concerns raised by Sen. Cornyn.

“Doubling the Border Patrol and tearing down hundreds of miles of fence just to rebuild it appears tough until you look deeper and ask the tough questions: Did the chief of the Border Patrol say that’s what they needed to get the job done, or did senators come up with those nice round numbers to get additional votes?” she said.

“The Senate bill continues this misguided approach, continuing to throw money at different sections and sectors of the border,” said Representative Michael McCaul (R-TX), chairman of the full committee.

Representative Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-TX), subcommittee ranking member, praised various House-led efforts to support legislation that would require the government to stop 90% of illegal immigrants crossing the border and to set up metrics to measure the government’s progress in enforcement.

Former Obama Campaign Head Shilling for Immigration

Barack Obama’s former campaign manager, Jim Messina, is now the head of an advocacy

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group promoting the President’s policy initiatives called Organizing for Action (OFA). The group will try to pass comprehensive immigration reform in the House of Representatives. In fact, the *Washington Post* reported Messina said, “We are going to force it through the House” at the OFA summit in DC and announced plans to kick-off a month-long push dubbed “Action August” to pressure lawmakers to support the White House-endorsed and Senate-passed immigration reform bill.