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Shamnesty: Hijacking Reform

by William F. Jasper of The New American

Though politicians are now paying lip service to "border security" and immigration reform, both major parties are pushing legislation that would only make things worse.

"April Fool!" Congress and the White House are playing some cruel prank, right? Surely, they can't be serious about granting amnesty to millions of illegal aliens and opening the border floodgates even wider than they already are to millions more aliens who will be instantly legalized as "guest workers." Unfortunately, this is no joke. It is for real, and it is deadly serious.

Every politician, from President Bush on down — Democrat, Republican, left, right, and center — is now paying obligatory lip service to "border security." Yet the political powers that be in both major political parties are pushing legislation that would dramatically compound our immigration crisis, invite a continuous rush of even more illegal aliens across our borders, and essentially render enforcement (at our borders and in our interior) null and void.

Polls by Gallup, Time magazine, Zogby, NBC, the Wall Street Journal, IQ Research, and others have consistently shown that voters unequivocally want to see our government take back control of our broken borders and our dysfunctional immigration system — for security, economic, social, and political reasons.

Whatever bill comes out of the Senate after the Easter break, it will have to be reconciled with H.R. 4437, the House bill passed last December. Yielding to pressure from angry constituents and an aggressive campaign by Reps. Tom Tancredo (R-Colo.), J.D. Hayworth (R-Ariz.), and other members of the House Immigration Caucus, the House version focuses entirely on enforcement issues and included no amnesty or guest-worker provisions. Known officially as The Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005, the House bill has been demonized as racist, xenophobic, and anti-immigrant by the "immigrant rights" lobby.

From the vilification that has been heaped upon it, one might surmise that H.R. 4437 is a thoroughly draconian measure that would completely shut down the border and even stop all legal immigration. In truth, the House bill is far from adequate on the enforcement front and is only a good start at solving one of our nation's most urgent crises. The main features of the bill include making illegal entry into the U.S. a felony; increasing penalties for violent aliens, document fraud, and alien smuggling; authorizing the construction of 700 miles of fence along the U.S.-Mexico border; eliminating the lottery that awards 50,000 annual immigration visas; and creating an instant verification computer system so that employers can check the legal status of employees.

Those are very modest proposals, not the hard-line extremist measures the bill's critics claim. For instance, the bill

does not even end "birthright" citizenship, whereby an estimated 350,000 children born in this country to illegal aliens each year are automatically declared U.S. citizens.

Stille, like former Border Patrol Chief William King, whom we interviewed in January ("We Can Control Our Borders," January 23, 2006), sees the current proposals for amnesty and "guest workers" as certain to produce a far greater disaster than the 1986 amnesty. "I have heard from the agents that the illegals are streaming over the border right now in record numbers," he told us. "They believe that the big increase is due to the possible amnesty that may be offered. Just the suggestion that there may be one is a huge magnet."

Comment: Read the full article in the New American, May 1, 2006. Call your Senators and House Rep. today and tell them in the strongest possible terms to approve HR 4437 without changes. I did. Ed.

How Washington will spend your taxes in 2006

Spend \$23,760 per household in 2006

The federal government will collect \$20,044

The remaining \$3,716 represents this year's budget deficit per household

The breakdown:

*Social Security/Medicare: \$7,875.

Defense: \$4,701.

*Low-income programs: \$3,579.

Interest on the federal debt: \$1,930.

Federal employee retirement benefits: \$870.

Education: \$732.

Health research/regulation: \$671.

Veterans' benefits: \$618.

*Community and regional development: \$456.

Highways/mass transit: \$402.

Justice administration: \$363.

*Unemployment benefits: \$338.

International affairs: \$305.

Natural resources/environment: \$287.

*Agriculture: \$235. The remaining \$398 Misc.

By Brian Riedl of the Heritage Foundation

Comment: In a cursory glance the star'd (*) items are probably unconstitutional. If we could get the government to obey the Constitution the budget could be cut in half. Ed.

The Tax Foundation calculates Tax Freedom Day, noting that in 2006, Americans will work 77 days to afford their federal taxes and 39 more days to afford state and local taxes. That makes taxation a bigger financial burden than housing and household operation (62 days), health and medical care (52 days), food (30 days), transportation (30 days), recreation (22 days), or clothing and accessories (14 days).

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"Extreme taxation, excessive controls, oppressive government competition with business...frustrated minorities and forgotten Americans are not the products of free enterprise. They are the residue of centralized bureaucracy, of government by a self-anointed elite." —Ronald Reagan

Ford To Sponsor Homosexual 'Marriage' at Motor City Pride Event

Showing contempt for the concerns of traditional families, Ford has agreed to sponsor the "Family Area" at the Motor City Pride Event June 2-4 which will feature a homosexual marriage "commitment ceremony." The purpose of the ceremony is to "make a political statement."

According to the Motor City Pride website, "Metropolitan Community (homosexual) Church of Detroit and Triangle Foundation are looking for Same-Gender couples willing to make a political statement by celebrating their love in a commitment ceremony to be held in the City of Ferndale on June 4, 2006."

When one clicks on the "Family" section of the website, the caption reads: "The Family Area (which includes the 'marriage' ceremony) is Generously Sponsored by: Ford Motor Company Fund." Ford Motor Company Fund gets its funding from Ford Motor Company.

Since the boycott began, Ford stock has fallen 7% and Associated Press stated that Ford sales were down 5% in March. Many financial consultants believe that Ford is headed for bankruptcy.

It appears that Ford is more willing to face bankruptcy than ending their support of homosexual groups and causes. From American Family Assoc. April 18, 2006.

Comment: Anyone want to buy my Ford? Ed.

New Ports Fiasco: Letting Communist China Screen for Nukes!

If you thought that President Bush's plan to give authority over crucial U.S. ports to Dubai Ports World was bizarre and outrageous, you're going to like his latest port deal even less. After suffering a stinging defeat on the Dubai Ports debacle, and after assuring Congress that foreigners would not manage security at U.S. ports, now comes the revelation that the administration has given a no-bid contract for screening port cargo for nuclear materials to a Hong Kong conglomerate closely aligned with Communist China.

The company in question is Hutchison Whampoa, Ltd., with its subsidiary, Hutchison Port Holdings (HPH), the world's largest ports company. Freeport, the huge Bahamian port just 65 miles from the Florida coast, will be under the contract. HPH will be running sophisticated radiation detection equipment provided by the U.S. government to scan cargo headed to U.S. ports - without U.S. Customs being present.

This should be a major security concern, since Dr. Li Ka-shing, the billionaire chairman of Hutchison Whampoa, is tightly connected to the People's Republic of China through many personal and business relationships. Veteran intelligence experts _ and China watchers view Li Ka-shing as the Beijing regime's Armand Hammer and its most important front man in

Communist China's strategy to control global shipping and shipping routes. As CNN Anchor Lou Dobbs noted, the administration "is risking national security" through this contract arrangement. "This is absolutely mindless." From the New American, Apr 17, 2006.

Comments: It just gets worse. Anyone for a conspiracy theory? Why is Mr. Bush doing all this? Ed.

High Ranking Communist Visit

On the eve of his Chinese President Hu Jintao's visit to the White House, outspoken critics of Beijing threatened to sour the atmosphere with stinging criticism of China's human rights record...CNN News.

Comment: Never forget for a moment that he is first and always a COMMUNIST. Their goal is world domination. China is an enemy. Ed.

Police still don't know the motive behind a bizarre incident in an apartment complex. Investigators say a man punched and broke a 6-foot tall globe light in the courtyard. Shortly thereafter, he beat down an apartment door, waking Jason Smith and his wife, neither of whom knew the man. Smith, armed with a handgun, confronted the intruder and a struggle ensued. It ended when Smith fired his pistol, killing the man. (*The Arizona Republic*, Phoenix, AZ, 12/06/05)

Patriot's Day-April 19, 1775

"Don't fire unless fired upon. But if they want a war let it begin here." —Captain John Parker at the Battle of Lexington ++ "The Sun never shined on a cause of greater worth." —Thomas Paine ++ "We know the Race is not to the swift nor the Battle to the Strong. Do you not think an Angel rides in the Whirlwind and directs this Storm?" —John Page ++ Our cause is noble; it is the cause of mankind!—George Washington ++ "Patriotism itself is a necessary link in the golden chains of our affections and virtue."—Stephen Decatur ++ "Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"

—
Patrick Henry

CALL YOUR ELECTEDS

US

Sen. Warner, 441-3079

Senator Allen at 518-1674.

Congresswoman Drake – 497-6859.

Cong. Randy Forbes 382-0080.

Cong. Robert "Bobby" Scott - 380-1000

VA

Sen. Stolle-486-5700, 1-804-698-7508

Sen. Rerras-855-7044; 1-804-698-7506

Sen. Wagner- 671-2250; 1-804-698-7507

Sen. Miller-627-4212; 1-804-698-7505

Del. Tata-340-3510; 1-804-698-1085

Del. Welch-340-2800; 1-804-698-1021

Del. Cosgrove-547-3422; 1-804-698-1078

Del. Suit, Terrie-421-3309; 1-804-698-1081

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