

Are You Aware Of The Impact Of The Specter Immigration Proposal?



Senator Arlen Specter has proposed a plan to increase immigration into the U.S. to far above our historic peak levels. If the proposal is adopted, legal immigration can be expected to at least double, adding one million immigrants a year, including 400,000 or more new "guest workers." On the illegal immigration front, approximately 11 million illegal aliens currently in the U.S. could be granted amnesty and legal status. Total new immigration could top 40 million "guest workers" and relatives by 2012.

Amnesty Could Be Given To 11 Million Illegal Aliens:

- Includes all illegal workers and family members currently in U.S.
- All could get legal status

IMPACT: 11,000,000 ILLEGAL ALIENS COULD GET LEGAL STATUS

Caps Will Be Increased On:

- Family-preference immigrants by at least 254,000 per year
- Visas by recapturing any unused visas from 2001-2005 and adding them to current quotas
- Employment-based visas from 140,000 to 390,000

IMPACT: 390,000 ADDITIONAL LEGAL IMMIGRANTS A YEAR

Caps Will Be Removed For These Groups:

- Spouses, children, parents of employment-based immigrants
- Children of citizens and their children, spouses of citizens and their children and parents of citizens and their children
- Aliens with advanced technical degrees from accredited U.S. universities
- Aliens with extraordinary abilities in selected fields
- Doctors suggested by HHS

IMPACT: HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS ADDITIONAL LEGAL IMMIGRANTS A YEAR

The Proposal Increases Flow Of New "Guest Workers" By 400,000:

- Every guest worker can apply to stay permanently with employer sponsorship
- Must pass physical and have a willing employer
- Pay a \$500 fee in addition to the usual processing fee
- For an additional \$1,500 typical grounds for refusing admission including certain crimes can be waived
- "Guest workers" admitted for three years and may apply for a three-year extension
- Cap of 400,000 can be raised every year based on employer demand

IMPACT: 400,000 NEW "GUEST WORKERS" A YEAR

Rules Will Be Changed To Assure No Quotas Go Unfilled By:

- Expanding use of "guest workers" to most occupations, while weakening protections against job displacement and adverse wage effects for U.S. workers
- Eliminating requirement that foreign students prove they have a foreign residence they will not abandon
- Altering current limits on employment status
- Allowing aliens inspected, admitted or paroled to apply for permanent status if visa is available

IMPACT: MORE JOB AND WAGE COMPETITION FOR U.S. WORKERS

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