IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 12, 2011

Mr. Smith of Texas (for himself, Mrs. Blackburn, Mr. Royce, Mr. Camp-
bell, Mr. Akin, Mr. Marchant, Mr. Rohrabacher, Mrs. Myrick, Mr. 
Duncan of Tennessee, Mr. Jones, Mr. Womack, Mr. Young of Florida, 
Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Franks of Arizona, Mr. Roe of Ten-
nessee, Mr. Coffman of Colorado, Mr. Gary G. Miller of California, 
Mr. Gally, Mr. Carter, and Mr. Hunter) introduced the following 
bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To suspend until January 21, 2013, certain provisions of 
Federal immigration law, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as—

(1) the “Hinder the Administration’s Legaliza-
tion Temptation Act”; or

(2) the “HALT Act”.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Represen-
tatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
SEC. 2. SUSPENSION OF EFFECTIVENESS OF CERTAIN LAWS.

(a) Waiver of Inadmissibility of Aliens Unlawfully Present.—Section 212(a)(9)(B)(v) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(9)(B)(v)) is suspended during the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and ending on January 21, 2013.

(b) Parole.—Section 212(d)(5)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5)(A)) is suspended during the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending on January 21, 2013, except to the extent that the discretionary authority conferred under such section is exercised for the purpose of paroling an alien into the United States—

(1) to be tried for a crime, or to be a witness at trial, upon the request of a Federal, State, or local law enforcement agency;

(2) for any other significant law enforcement or national security purpose; or

(3) for a humanitarian purpose where the life of the alien is imminently threatened.

(c) Cancellation of Removal and Adjustment of Status for Certain Nonpermanent Residents.—Section 240A(b)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1229b(b)(1)) is suspended during
the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending on January 21, 2013.

(d) Designation for Temporary Protected Status.—No foreign state may be designated or re-designated under section 244(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)) during the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending on January 21, 2013. The preceding sentence shall not be construed to affect any extension of a designation under paragraph (3)(C) of such section, if the designation was made prior to the date of the enactment of this Act.

(e) Definition of Unauthorized Alien.—Section 274A(h)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324a(h)(3)) is deemed amended during the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending on January 21, 2013, by striking “, or by the Attorney General”.

(f) Deferred Action; Extended Voluntary Departure.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may not grant deferred action or extended voluntary departure to any alien during the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending on January 21, 2013, except to the extent that such grant authority is exercised for the purpose of maintaining the alien in United States—
(1) to be tried for a crime, or to be a witness at trial, upon the request of a Federal, State, or local law enforcement agency;

(2) for any other significant law enforcement or national security purpose; or

(3) for a humanitarian purpose where the life of the alien is imminently threatened.

(g) REGULATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The following provisions of title 8, Code of Federal Regulations, are suspended during the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending on January 21, 2013:

(A) Section 274a.12(a)(11).

(B) Section 274a.12(c)(11).

(C) Section 274a.12(c)(14).

(D) Section 274a.12(c)(16).

(E) Section 274a.12(c)(18).

(2) REFERENCES.—Any reference in paragraph (1) to a section of the Code of Federal Regulations shall be construed to be a reference to that section and any successor section.

(h) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN BENEFITS.—In the case of any immigration benefit granted during the period beginning on July 12, 2011, and ending on the date of
the enactment of this Act under any authority suspended
under subsection (b), (e), (f), or (g), the benefit is revoked
as of the date of the enactment of this Act.