

President's Executive amnesty for people under the age of 30 because they will believe—correctly, it appears to me—that if they can get into the country unlawfully, they will never be deported. They will wait until the President—this President or the next President or some other President—gives them work privileges in the United States to take jobs that Americans need to be doing at a time of extraordinarily high unemployment, at a time when we have the lowest workplace participation rate since the 1970s. Illegal immigrants won't even have to wait for Congress to pass amnesty if this goes through.

So I ask: What immigration law will be left? The President has simply decided—on his own, without Congress or legal authority—that the immigration laws protecting the jobs and wages of U.S. workers won't exist anymore. The President has taken it upon himself to decide who can enter the United States and who can work in the United States—by the millions—regardless of what laws have been passed. The President often talks of justice, but one of the gravest injustices that has been done is to deny the American people the protections of their laws. The laws on the books in America today are the laws of the people of the United States, and they protect working people from job competition at a time of high unemployment.

My message to the American people today is this. You can stop it. We can stop it, together. We will not let this lawlessness stand, and that fight begins with a vote on the House-passed bill just last Friday to block this new Executive action the President would undertake. The Senate cannot be allowed to surrender to the President's lawlessness. It cannot. So I am calling today on every Senator to support this bill from the House and to demand that Majority Leader REID call it up, and let's have a vote. Every American needs to know where their leaders stand on this issue.

Let me share a message with my friends on the other side of the aisle. Each of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle will have to decide whether they work for Majority Leader REID, whether they work for the President of the United States, or whether they work for their constituents.

I remember in 2007 when President Bush got it in his head that we had to

have amnesty, without being able to present any compelling reason for us to believe the lawlessness would end in the future—and that effort failed. Three-fourths, I believe, or at least well more than half of the Republicans, opposed their President on this. Why shouldn't Democrats now stand up and oppose President Obama if he is overreaching in his policies?

So I will ask this. Will my Democratic colleagues protect the jobs of the American people? Will they protect the borders of this Nation and, in essence, the sovereignty of this Nation? Will my colleagues demand the Senate leader bring this House bill up for a vote? If my colleagues oppose these Executive actions, as some on the other side of the aisle have indicated they do, there is only one way to demonstrate it with integrity: Support the House bill and demand it receive a vote in the Senate.

There is nothing in that bill that is wrong or unprincipled or improper. There are two bills coming over from the House—a good bill that improves the technical enforcement issues that are at the border today that are making it hard to enforce the law. They improve that in one piece, and they provide almost \$700 million in funding to help improve that situation and take care of the humanitarian need there. But they passed a second bill that simply uses a traditional congressional power to bar the President of the United States and any of his officers from spending moneys of the United States to execute some amnesty or work permit program.

Every member of the public—whether in a red State or a blue State or a purple State—ought to call their Member of Congress and Senators and ask them where they stand on this issue. Ask them if they support the House bill to block this executive amnesty that would be contrary to law, contrary to heritage, contrary to the President's own words on more than one occasion. Will your elected representatives demand that we at least have a vote in the Senate? You are a citizen of this country. You are entitled to a clear answer to the question.

We work for the people, and I believe the people are not happy with us. I be-

lieve the people rightly believe this Nation should have a principled immigration policy, one that is enforced and carried out fairly and objectively, that serves the national interest, an immigration policy where a person in another country who wants to come to the United States can read the requirements and submit an application, and if they meet those requirements and meet the limits of our law can be admitted to America, and those who do not, are not.

That is what nations all over the world have. There is not anything wrong with that. No nation, particularly any developed nation, can just open its borders to every individual who would like to come here. It just cannot be done. The American people have a right to expect that. That is what they have wanted, that is what they have demanded of their Presidents and their Congresses for 40 years, and that is what the powers that be, the masters of the universe, surreptitiously and openly and otherwise have blocked, refused to give them. They are entitled to that. I believe it truly, and I believe they will get it.

This issue is not going away. We are going to confront it here in the Senate. I believe in the end the American people will be able to hold to account those who do not support a lawful system of immigration.

I thank the Chair and yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL FRIDAY,  
AUGUST 8, 2014, AT 9:15 A.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senate stands adjourned until Friday, August 8, 2014, at 9:15 a.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 11:34 a.m., adjourned until Friday, August 8, 2014, at 9:15 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

##### THE JUDICIARY

JORGE LUIS ALONSO, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, VICE RONALD A. GUZMAN, RETIRING.  
JOHN ROBERT BLAKEY, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, VICE JAMES HOLDERMAN, RETIRED.