

That is a quote from Representative LAMAR SMITH.

“The President’s actions would have just moved those who came here illegally to the front of the line, ahead of unemployed and underemployed Americans.”

A Department of Homeland Security official confirmed that the newly legalized immigrants won’t have access to ObamaCare, which opens up the loophole for employers looking to avoid that penalty.

Then Breitbart has an article regarding Robert Rector, our friend at Heritage Foundation. “Amnestied Illegal Immigrants Could Cost Taxpayers \$2 Trillion Over Their Lifetime.” It is dated 24 November.

Well, we do have this report from CRS, Congressional Research Service, and it looks like Congress should be able, without any problem, to pass a law that defunds any actions carrying out the President’s illegal fiat that he dictated.

I pulled language here—I have got a great staff, very helpful—I got them to pull this language from the law in 1974. This was in the bill that limited the funds that kept military in Vietnam, and this was on a continuing resolution. This was kind of what we are doing right here.

But in 1974, the post-Watergate, Democratic majority in both houses just decided, you know what?

We are going to stop Vietnam on a dime. Never mind that there are people who have been our allies that will be murdered as soon as we pulled out. Time to pull out.

No plan for a slow withdrawal. No plan about leaving a stable government. We are just pulling out all of a sudden, and a million, 2 million people, it is estimated, died.

This is how they do it. Section 108 of this continuing resolution, in 1974, simply said:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law on or after August 15, 1973, no funds herein or heretofore appropriated may be obligated or expended to finance, directly or indirectly, combat activities by United States military forces in or over, or from off the shores of North Vietnam, South Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia.

Boom, that stopped Vietnam. We can do the same thing with the President’s illegal law that he pronounced into being.

And then, in 1984, we had a Democratic-controlled House and Senate. They just decided they didn’t want anybody providing funds to the Contras that were fighting Communists just south of the United States in Nicaragua, so here is the language, and I am quoting. This was in the bill that was signed October 12, 1984:

During fiscal year 1985, no funds available to the Central Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense, or any other agency or entity of the United States involved in intelligence activities may be obligated or expended for the purpose which would have the effect of supporting, directly or indirectly, military or paramilitary operations in Nicaragua by any nation, group, organization, movement, or individual.

So we just take our language directly from what the Democratic House and

Senate did in 1974, what they did in 1985, and do that to address what the President has done, otherwise, fund things I wouldn’t normally at all be in favor of funding. But I think this is such an important principle to saving this little experiment in a democratic Republic, it is worth doing.

Then I couldn’t help but note Kenric Ward’s article, November 25:

More than a year after Watchdog reported the IRS sent thousands of refunds to the tiny town of Parksley, Virginia, a woman has pleaded guilty to conspiracy and mail fraud.

Linda Avila admitted to obtaining more than \$7.2 million in refunds by exploiting the Federal Government’s child tax credit program. Avila filed more than 1,700 tax returns with stolen identifications used by illegal immigrants, mainly from Mexico.

The Virginian-Pilot reported that Avila, 50, operated a landscaping and cleaning business in Parksley. Investigators found copies of refund checks in amounts from \$4,000 to more than \$7,000. The tax returns frequently cited foreign dependents, which increased the refund amounts.

Avila had the refunds mailed to various post office boxes on the Eastern Shore and in Delaware, according to court records. The workers cashed the checks, turned over most of the money to Avila, keeping a small fee for themselves.

Avila, who remains free pending sentencing in U.S. District Court on February 17, could not be reached for comment.

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There is a good chance that has been going on in more than one place.

Then there is this article from Neil Munro, today, December 1, entitled, “Obama: Fund My Amnesty or I’ll Shut Down the Government.” It basically talks about that that is, indeed, what the President is threatening to do, “You fund my illegal action when I spoke new law into being and overrode laws that were duly passed by the House and Senate and passed by the Congress and sent to the President.”

The President signed it. He overrode it just by himself. In essence, he is saying, “If you don’t give me every dime I want, along with funding my illegal actions, I am going to shut down the government.”

We have heard MITCH MCCONNELL say it and JOHN BOEHNER say it. They don’t want a shutdown. We don’t want a shutdown. We also don’t want to fund illegal activity.

We hope that the President is not going to throw a hissy fit and shut down the government because this is about the Constitution. It is about fairness under the law. It is about fairness to people who came legally. It is about fairness to the minorities who have an unemployment rate through the roof, and now, we are adding 5 million people who are going to get to compete with people who can’t find jobs or who are underemployed as it is.

It is up to Congress to do the moral, the legal thing, and force this President to work with Congress instead of dictating to it.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will remind Members to refrain

from engaging in personalities toward the President.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. ADERHOLT (at the request of Mr. MCCARTHY of California) for today on account of a family illness.

ENROLLED BILLS AND A JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. THORNBERRY, on November 21, 2014.

H.R. 4067. An act to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2014.

H.R. 5441. An act to amend the Federal charter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States to reflect the service of women in the Armed Forces of the United States.

H.R. 5728. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 and title 17, United States Code, to extend expiring provisions relating to the retransmission of signals of television broadcast stations, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 129. Joint resolution appointing the day for the convening of the first session of the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress.

BILLS AND A JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on November 24, 2014, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills and joint resolution:

H.R. 5441. To amend the Federal charter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States to reflect the service of women in the Armed Forces of the United States.

H.R. 5728. To amend the Communications Act of 1934 and title 17, United States Code, to extend expiring provisions relating to the retransmission of signals of television broadcast stations, and for other purposes.

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H.R. 4067. To provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o’clock and 16 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, December 2, 2014, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.