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Don McKee

Feelings continue to run strong about Georgia's immigration reform bill, HB 87, approved by the General Assembly and still awaiting Gov. Nathan Deal's signature. Some of our reader comments:

Taxpayer20: If illegals were so great for an economy and a state, then California and Nevada would be shining examples of progress. As it is, these two states are nearly bankrupt. The education systems are failing with a declining graduation rate from high school. The graduation rate is now at 40% and falling for Hispanics. The teen illegitimacy is soaring. For Hispanics it is now approaching 70%. All who welcome illegals no matter what your race, look to California and Nevada as examples of unchecked illegal immigration.

El Paso: We have passed a law that is unconstitutional and inhumane. Fortunately much of it will be struck down, but the taxpayers will again have to foot the bill for Republicans excesses. The big lie is that illegals are an economic drain. They are a net economic positive as found by studies by

the Cato Institute and most reputable economists. Wait till we see the damage to the economy and the costs to business.

Stop the Drain: The part about anyone with 10 employees has to use E-Verify is a JOKE! I work for an independent home builder whose business is mainly million dollar projects. Sometimes there are 5 projects under way and he has NEVER had 10 employees on his payroll. There is no need. To those uninformed - on the payroll means at the end of the year they get a W-2. NOT a 1099 form. The stone work, tile work, drywall, painting, finished flooring, cabinets, electrical, gutters, and roofing are through sub-contractors. The framing of the house, finish carpentry, installation of cabinets, tractor work, finished detailing, and management of the project are done by the owner and employees. This bill is a start, but every U.S. citizen I know has to present their SS# card and swear they are a U.S. citizen or present their green card for a job. The vast majority of illegals are "employed" by small companies, so this bill will do practically nothing to stop illegal employment. We are IDIOTS to keep looking the other way and not require what many, many countries already do.

Remember History: This is the same thing the Nazi Party did to the Jews. Those who forget history are bound to repeat it. I can't believe this is happening in the United States of America. This is contrary to everything we believe. Wake up America!

WestCobber: Wonder how many "legal" citizens would (live) "happily and well" if they knew that every dollar they made (except for maybe sales tax) would go into their pocket and someone else would be picking up the tab for all of the expenses the rest of us have to pay - like withholding of all forms, health insurance, car insurance, free lunches and breakfasts at schools for the kids.

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