



Sam Brownback on Immigration

Report Card

- x *Americans for Better Immigration*, the standard for congressional ratings on immigration, has given Senator Brownback a lifetime rating of “D”.
- x More specific grades from *ABI* include “F” on the issue of amnesty and “F-” on reducing unnecessary visas.
- x Only THREE Republican senators have lower grades than Brownback. John McCain is NOT one of them.
- x Brownback is rated LOWER than many Democrats including John Kerry, Barack Obama, Tom Harkin, and Joseph Biden.

Actions:

- x Senator Brownback voted in favor of s2611 which would grant an amnesty to most illegal aliens residing in the United States.
 - Robert Rector of the Heritage Foundation noted that this bill would grant permanent residence to some 60 million people over the next 20 years. In addition, he noted that it would increase long-term federal spending by at least \$50 billion per year.
 - Kris Kobach, former counsel and chief advisor on immigration law and border security to John Ashcroft noted that s2611 also will allow many illegal aliens to receive in-state tuition rates at state universities. Kobach also noted that the bill would restrict local law enforcement from arresting aliens on civil violations – therefore lessening their ability to protect Americans from terrorists.
 - Senator Jim DeMint noted that among other disastrous problems, under s2611, some illegals could qualify for Earned Income Tax Credit.
 - According to Robert Rector, “*In the long run, S. 2611, if enacted, would be the largest expansion of the welfare state in 35 years.*”
 - According to Senator Jeff Sessions, “*...this bill is a huge, monumental budget buster.*”
 - According to Human Events, “*No conservative could vote for the immigration bill expected to come up in the U.S. Senate today.*”
- x In 2005, Brownback co-sponsored s1033, a massive guestworker-amnesty bill.
- x That same year, he also co-sponsored s359 which would have amnestied an estimated 800,000 illegal farmworkers.
- x Brownback co-sponsored the DREAM Act of 2003, which would have allowed many illegal aliens to receive in-state tuition rates at public universities.
- x Brownback voted in favor of the Pombo Amendment to HR2202 in 1996. It would have allowed agri-business to import 250,000 foreign farm-workers each year, with no provisions for ensuring that they did not remain past their stay and therefore become illegal aliens.
- x Brownback voted against the Gallegly Amendment to HR2202 which would have made pilot workplace verification programs mandatory in five of the top seven immigration states.

Other:

- x Brownback's was given an award from the National Council of La Raza for his work on immigration and “civil rights.” According to David Horowitz's Discover the Networks, the NCLR lobbies for racial preferences, bilingual education, mass immigration, and amnesty for illegal aliens.

Sources: Heritage Foundation, BetterImmigration.org, Human Events Online, and various senate websites.