

Worker verification legislation

The legislation as it is considered is hypocritical. Immigration and right to work status are within the purview of the federal government, which of course is in grid lock over the illegal immigrant issue.

Because of the impact it has on California, it would make sense to coordinate or confer on this issue together with the U.S. congress and senate and look at the problem more realistically. Below a short outline of the major issues and how they COULD be handled:

THE ISSUE:

- The majority of Illegal immigrants in California work here and are productive
- Without them consumer costs would sky rocket for produce and other items
- With today's economy we cannot cope with continual price increases for needed commodities
- The statement that U.S. citizens or those legally here could and would take jobs currently held by illegal immigrants vastly ignores reality. Experience has shown that not to be the case.

WHAT ARE WE REALLY WORRIED ABOUT:

Crimes committed by illegal aliens

Drain on health care and welfare system (anchor babies)

BIGGEST QUESTION:

We do not factually know how many illegals we have working in California

BETTER APPROACH THAN WORKER VERIFICATION

(would have to be a pilot program endorsed by the federal government)

REQUIRE ALL WORKERS HERE ILLEGALLY TO REPORT THEIR STATUS TO THEIR EMPLOYER

- All such workers are permitted to keep their job
- All such workers are fingerprinted, photographed and DNA sample taken for database
- All such workers are given a counterfeit ID card with smart chip paid for by them or the employer, verifying who they are.
- All such workers are issued a real Tax Payer ID number (no more duplication or fraudulent use of other peoples SSNs just to get a job
- Solicit the health care insurance industry to provide health insurance to all of these ID card holders as a group and require all employers to subsidize the premiums. Reasonable details can be worked out. That ID card then also functions as a health insurance card.

LEGISLATION SHOULD PENALIZE Failure to report/register their status and NOT working here illegally

Since registered workers would be permitted to retain their jobs until the US Congress and Senate come up with a rational response to the illegal immigration issue (which is probably never) and pass legislation specifically dealing with their status.

When those workers can suddenly be open about their status, employers cannot easily pay them less than the typical American worker because they cannot do anything about it.

The plan I developed is much more comprehensive and the above is just a part of it. I have sent this to Rodanovich when he was still a congressman, but it was obviously ignored. Politics as usual.

The plan I propose makes sense and employers of illegal workers would save money and hassles when they can be open about the immigration status of their workers. Workers in turn would be more empowered when/if they are exploited by their employer.

THE OVERRIDING ISSUE: PLUG THE BORDER

The problem with suggesting any new to the government: Every solution is turned into a problem. The best response is not to reject a proposal such as this, but to approach it with the attitude of "how can we make it work?"