

Okay, so all the facts are in—now we know that social security numbers will be the check done on illegals and that a fine will be levied against companies that hire them. No matter where you stand in the issue, presented here are some of the pros and con's involved on each side of the argument about impending legislation:

Con Crackdown on Illegal Immigrants

Con points are as follows:

1-The big number one problem with the new crackdown is that the fall harvest is upon us and there will be a shortage of workers in the fields, no if's, and's or but's about it. The worst hit will be the fruit harvest along the southern border with Mexico and Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia.

2-The burden of enforcement will require paperwork, lawyers, human resources experts and may be followed by fines or other penalties for employers.

3-As a result of possible retaliation, foreign workers may simply be discriminated against in an attempt by the employer to keep from incurring legal entanglements and penalties.

4-The fallout may extend to the illegal applicants going 'underground,' and using up the resources of public assistance and aid at an alarming rate instead of returning to their country. Without financial opportunities, the burden of support will have to fall somewhere. Without jobs, that would mean the government would have to step in.

5-Labor costs will rise, jobs may be outsourced and some businesses would fold up shop and quit.

6-The costs of producing, transporting and marketing farm products would increase, meaning higher costs for produce at the retail stores and outlets.

7-The lingering 'chill' in the air toward foreign workers could damage or lessen the good faith attempt by third parties to enlist qualified seasonal laborers with legitimate visas from signing up for work in the U.S.