

Dream Act No Longer a Nightmare

In the fourth attempt to grant amnesty to illegal aliens in just six weeks, yet another amnesty bill has failed to pass in the United States Congress. Called 'The Dream Act,' the main provision of the latest bill would have granted amnesty to school age illegals and assigned in-state tuition and federal grants, work-study loans and other benefits that even most American students are either unqualified or incapable of getting.

With immigrants being allowed these benefits, at a time when millions of U.S. citizens have had to mortgage their future to attend college and many students graduate still owing large payback amounts on loans, the proposal was especially heinous and offensive to both taxpayers and legislators.

And this time, opponents were ready for it.

On Oct. 24, 2007, the U.S. Senate sent a clear message to the American people by refusing to debate the Dream Act. 52 senators voted yes, the Senate fell eight votes short of the required 60 to reach cloture and bring it to a vote—not surprising, since the bill has never been brought before the House of Representatives as a stand-alone bill, proving that it is inherently weak on its face.

Recent statistics, bringing to light the fact that a large number of Hispanics are falling through the cracks by dropping out of what have been termed, “ Dropout Factories,” or high schools that only baby-sit minorities instead of teaching them, should alarm the average citizen as to the reasoning behind the legislation by certain interest groups.

An AP Impact study shows that 1 in 10 of every U.S. high schools is a dropout factory and that there is a direct correlation between the number of Hispanic dropouts and the locations of the schools involved, pointing out even more the mistreatment of the immigrant communities in this country and exploitation by others.

The Dream Act is dead for this year. After the election, who can tell? That will depend on two things:

#1-If the Congress can bring to fruition a progressive and easy to access farm bill that involves extended visa stay and emergency clauses for use and

#2-The tide of voter reaction to the candidates in next year's elections and margin of victory by either political party.