

2021 SENATE AGRICULTURE

HCR 3048

2021 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Agriculture Committee
Fort Union Room, State Capitol

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A concurrent resolution urging the President of the United States and the Department of Homeland Security not to transfer illegal aliens to North Dakota.

Chair Luick called the Committee to order at 9:00 AM on HCR 3048. Roll call was taken. All Committee members were present: Chair Luick, Vice Chair Myrdal, Senators: Klein, Lemm, O. Larson, Hogan.

Discussion Topics:

- Global Compact enforced by United Nations
- Illegal aliens
- Legal Immigration
- Asylum
- Lutheran Social Services

(9:01 AM) Representative Bill Tveit, District 33 introduced the Bill and provided testimony # 11226.

(9:16 AM) Chair Luick closed the hearing

(9:17 AM) Vice Chair Myrdal moved a Do Pass on HCR 3048

(9:18 AM) Senator Randy Lemm 2nd the motion

Senators	Vote
Senator Larry Luick	Y
Senator Janne Myrdal	Y
Senator Kathy Hogan	N
Senator Jerry Klein	Y
Senator Oley Larsen	Y
Senator Randy D. Lemm	Y

(9:34 AM) Roll Call Vote was taken on a Do Pass on HCR 3048 5-1-0.

(9:35 AM) Vice Chair Myrdal will carry House Concurrent Resolution # 3048.

Additional written testimony:

Gordon W. Greenstein in Favor # 11245 and # 11247

(9:36 AM) Chair Luick adjourned the hearing on HCR 3048

Alice Delzer, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3048: Agriculture Committee (Sen. Luick, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3048 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

Representative Bill Tveit

1 April 2021

House Concurrent Resolution 3048 Committee Testimony

Senate Agricultural Committee:

Chairman Luick, Committee Members

HCR 3048 was born out of concern for the Northern States, including North Dakota, being forced to receive, accept and place illegal aliens, that are crossing the southern borders illegally, within our borders. We all have heard of buses and plane loads of illegal immigrants being placed in these Northern States.

We have, during the last 13 months, dealt with the COVID 19 pandemic.

During that time, we have kept our people locked down, quarantined, isolated & now going through a massive vaccine process, all, supposedly, for the health and safety of our citizens. These illegal aliens have not been through any such health or safety measures. We dare not take the risk of allowing this invasion to take place for any reason. Are these good, honest citizens, or are they criminals?

On March 23, our Governor released a statement in response to the

Department of HomeLand Security Secretary and the White House

Correspondence received Monday, March 22, stated that 'CBP, (Customs & Boarder Protection) continually evaluates possible contingency plans and

adjusts its operations as circumstances dictate, but **currently** there are no plans to transfer migrants from the Southwest border to the Northern or Coastal borders. We will be sure to work with DHS to reach out if the situation changes.'

The Governor was **very clear** and minced no words when he said:

"To be clear, our administration does not support the transfer to North Dakota of migrants who have entered the United States without permission. While our state willingly participates in the resettlement of **legal, thoroughly vetted refugees**, we strongly oppose any efforts to alleviate the southern border crisis of the overwhelming influx of migrants by transporting them to northern border states such as North Dakota. This crisis is the product and responsibility of the Biden administration, and shifting the problem and public safety costs to North Dakota and other northern border states would place our communities at risk while doing nothing to address the root causes of the ongoing crisis at the southern

border. We urge the administration to address this crisis at the source, fully enforce federal immigration laws, and reassure northern border states that relocation is not on the table."

HOWEVER: the Secretary used the word, "currently", which means "NOT YET, BUT POSSIBLY SOON", "VERY SOON". and that is alarming!

Mr Chairman, the need to be pro-active became even more urgent, as a number of US Senators toured the Southern Boarder crisis this past week. Their reports as well as that of a well known Radio Host, who spent the entire last week on that same boarder. All concurred, this crisis is much larger and more dangerous than any media reported previously.

North Dakota does not have the required facilities, we lack foster home availability, we lack the fiscal ability and other essential infrastructure to meet the needs of unaccompanied youth or other illegal aliens.

It is the privilege & duty of this Chamber, as well as the Chamber across

the hall, to back up the Governor on his position of this crisis, while being proactively responsible.

Mr Speaker, fellow Law Makers, I ask for your support on HCR 3048.

Please give this your GREEN vote, protect your constituents, their communities and Families.

MR Chairman

Senate Agriculture Committee

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Chairman Luick, I urge a Do Pass on HCR 3048

FAIR study: 14.5 million illegal aliens are living in America at a net cost to taxpayers of nearly \$134 billion

Posted by: [Lizzy Murica](#) | [January 29, 2021](#)

According to a recent [study](#) by FAIR, or the Federation for American Immigration Reform, the estimated number of illegal aliens as of 2020 living in the United States is approximately 14.5 million, with a total cost to U.S. taxpayers now amounting to \$133.7 billion. FAIR describes itself on its [website](#) as a “non-partisan, public interest organization with a support base comprising nearly 50 private foundations and over 1.9 million diverse members and supporters.”

The website also states that FAIR’s mission is to:

“examine immigration trends and effects, to educate the American people on the impacts of sustained high-volume immigration, and to discern, put forward, and advocate immigration policies that will best serve American environmental, societal, and economic interests today and into the future.”

On December 31, 2020, FAIR authors Spencer Raley, Madison McQueen, and Jason Pena published a [study](#) entitled “*2020 Update: How Many Illegal Aliens Live in the United States?*”

In the study, the writers are careful to define “illegal alien” as:

“anyone who:

- **Entered the United States without authorization, or**
- **Anyone who unlawfully remained in the United States once their authorized time of stay expired.”**

The authors explain that such a definition is important because many entities make a “dishonest effort to portray [the illegal alien] population as smaller than it is in reality.”

They also assert that many entities and media outlets erroneously declare that “unaccompanied alien minors (UAMs), recipients of Deferred Action for Childhood

Arrivals (DACA), and/or those with Temporary Protected Status (TPS) [are] lawfully present in the United States.”

2020 figures in the study show that an estimated 14.5 million illegal aliens meeting that definition live within the United States, which represents a slight increase over the 2019 estimate of 14.3 million.

Fiscal burden has likewise expanded. The cost of at least \$133.7 billion through 2020 represents an increase of nearly \$2 billion over the past year.

Previous years have shown a more rapid increase in illegal alien population, accompanied by a corresponding increase in the financial cost.

For example, between 2013 and 2016, the illegal alien population rose from approximately 11.5 million to approximately 12.5 million. During the same time period, the fiscal burden increased from approximately \$113 billion to approximately \$116 billion.

Between 2016 and 2019, the estimated illegal alien population rose from 12.5 million to 14.3 million, and the total cost of illegal immigration increased from approximately \$116 billion to approximately \$133 billion.

The authors attribute the comparatively slower rise in illegal alien population between the 2019 and 2020 measurements to two primary causes.

First, the authors point to the effects of the coronavirus pandemic on illegal immigration. Stating that up to 60 percent of new illegal aliens are those who have overstayed visas, the authors point to President Trump’s “timely travel freeze” as an

action that prevented many from overstaying their visas during the time of the pandemic.

Also with regards to coronavirus, the authors note, the decreased availability of jobs in the United States during the time of COVID meant that border traffic slowed “significantly.” Second, the authors state that the implementation of Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP) decreased the influx of illegal aliens by requiring asylum applicants to remain in their country of origin during processing of their cases, rather than disappearing in the United States. The study authors do admit that their illegal immigration numbers are an estimate, noting:

“In truth, we do not know exactly how many people cross the border unlawfully and evade immigration authorities.

“We can only estimate these figures based on how many individuals U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) believe slip through their detection.”

The actual numbers could in fact be higher, as suggested by a [2018 study](#) by two Yale professors and an MIT instructor who were, ironically, seeking to prove that there were far fewer illegal aliens in the United States than previously thought.

Their findings instead indicated that in 2018, there were approximately 22.1 million illegal aliens living in the U.S. A more conservative estimate still was reported as high as [16.7 million](#).

The FAIR study authors also identified factors that continue to encourage illegal immigration into the United States.

States before their hearings They are:

- increasing sanctuary jurisdictions that disallow local law enforcement from cooperating with federal authorities.
- use of illegal labor by corporations.
- “An increasing number of states and jurisdictions offering social welfare programs and other benefits to illegal aliens, including in-state tuition, driver’s licenses, and even COVID-19 relief funds.”
- large backlogs in immigration courts.
- “The promise of a wide-sweeping amnesty from the incoming administration.”

. The authors then go on to point to Biden's other plans for immigration, saying:

“President-elect Joe Biden pledges to dramatically decrease immigration enforcement, remove methods of deterrence, and offer amnesty to millions of illegal aliens.

“Due to these promises, FAIR projects that the illegal alien population under a Biden administration will increase dramatically.”

Given the reported increases in fiscal burden that have accompanied increases in the illegal alien population over the past several years, it stands to reason that as the illegal alien population “increase[s] dramatically,” so will the financial burden to U.S. taxpayers under a Biden administration will increase dramatically.”

Thank You

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Senate Agriculture Committee

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Chairman Luick, I urge a Do Pass on HCR 3048

Illegal immigrants cost taxpayers \$6.5K a year each: Report

by [Paul Bedard, Washington Secrets Columnist](#) |

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Illegal immigrants in growing numbers are flooding into so-called sanctuary cities and states where they are consuming up to \$6,500 in taxpayer-funded services, according to a new review of costs in 10 small states.

The surge is having an outsized effect on smaller states and is cutting funds for services to veterans, children, and disabled Americans, according to the report provided exclusively to Secrets from the [Federation for American Immigration Reform](#).

The report said illegal immigration costs the 10 states \$454 million. “To put that figure into context, that \$454 million expenditure is more than 200 times what the state of Montana budgets for its entire Veterans Affairs program, and it is 2.5 times the total sum that West Virginia invests in its state university,” said the report.

And, it added, illegal immigrants cost between \$4,000 and \$6,500 annually above any tax benefit they provide.

In many ways, the influx of immigrants into less populous areas of the country has an even greater impact on long-time residents than it does in larger and more urban areas,” said Dan Stein, president of FAIR. “These areas have neither the tax base, nor the economic and social infrastructure to accommodate the needs of the growing numbers of immigrants taking up residence.”

The 10 states analyzed in the study, [*Small Migrant Populations. Huge Impacts.*](#) were New Hampshire, Mississippi, Alaska, Maine, North Dakota, West Virginia, South Dakota, Vermont, Montana, and Wyoming.

“Many local officials tout immigration, including illegal immigration, as a remedy to economic stagnation. However, as this report reveals, the reality is precisely the opposite,” said Stein.

He added, “Illegal immigration, in particular, drives down wages and inhibits job opportunities for legal residents, while bringing more low-skilled, low-wage workers to these states. In turn, this increases costs to state and local governments, and discourages investment by businesses seeking a skilled labor force and lower overhead.”

The report comes on the heels of a key U.S. Supreme Court decision to let the Trump administration block entry to immigrants who are likely to burden taxpayers.

FAIR’s report also showed that sanctuary cities are a growing attraction for illegal immigrants, especially in smaller states where the costs of living can be lower.

The key findings from the report to Secrets:

- In each of these states, each illegal immigrant resident carried a net tax deficit of between \$4,000 and \$6,500 annually.
- Some 415,000 foreign-born reside in these 10 states, of whom about 88,000 (or 21%) are illegal immigrants. Additionally, there are about 35,000 U.S.-born children of illegal immigrants in these states.
- Collectively, these illegal immigrants and their U.S.-born children cost taxpayers in the 10 states about \$454 million each year for the provision of essential services such as education and healthcare.
- Local schools struggle to provide educators and cover the costs of instruction for 50,000 K-12 students classified as Limited English Proficient.
- A growing number of sanctuary jurisdictions (29 and counting, including the entire state of Vermont), and lower living costs are a magnet for illegal immigrants.
- The growing immigrant population competes with legal residents for jobs in economically depressed areas.

“This report highlights the fact that the adverse effects of unchecked mass immigration, combined with an immigration selection process that does not choose people based on individual merit, job skills and education, are now being felt in all parts of the country. Americans, in every part of the nation, are being affected by antiquated and unenforced immigration policies, which is why it is at the top of the list of voter concerns heading into the 2020 elections,” said Stein.

Thank You

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