

Border Bills: Senate vs. House

Why H.R. 2 is the Solution for the Border Crisis

LANKFORD-MURPHY-SINEMA BILL

H.R. 2, THE SECURE THE BORDER ACT

CATCH & RELEASE

- ✗ Does nothing to limit the mass release of illegal aliens.
- ✗ Creates an expulsion authority that becomes mandatory only after a staggering amount of illegal immigration has already taken place, 5,000 illegal border crossers per day over seven days.
- ✗ Provides for numerous exceptions to the expulsion authority, requires that it only be used a limited number of days each year, and ends the authority in three years.

- ✓ Severely limits the government's ability to release aliens upon apprehension at the border by strengthening the law to mandatorily detain, return, or remove illegal aliens.
- ✓ Requires aliens to wait in Mexico or Canada while their cases are being considered when the government cannot detain or return the alien to his/her home country or a safe third country.
- ✓ Gives the DHS Secretary the authority to turn away aliens without valid entry documents if doing so is necessary to maintain operational control of the border.

ASYLUM

- ✗ Raises the minimum standard of proof for aliens to pass an initial asylum screening to "reasonable possibility," still a relatively low standard.
- ✗ Makes the new asylum standard irrelevant by requiring the release of all aliens who claim asylum at the border. This allows aliens with weak or fraudulent claims to abscond before their hearings ever take place.
- ✗ Requires the government to give asylum-seekers a work permit if it does not provide an initial screening within 90 days, regardless of whether an alien's claim is credible.

- ✓ Raises the minimum standard of proof for aliens to pass an initial asylum screening to "more likely than not," a relatively strong standard.
- ✓ Requires asylum seekers to claim asylum at ports of entry to deter illegal border crossings; makes it easier to apply the safe third country rule.
- ✓ Reinstates Remain in Mexico for asylum seekers so they wait outside the country.

PAROLE

- ✗ Makes no changes to limit the abuse of humanitarian parole or stop the Biden administration from releasing illegal aliens into the U.S., and indeed flying them in from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Venezuela.

- ✓ Limits the DHS Secretary's authority to implement category-based parole programs and requires that parole be individually determined, based on strict new definitions of "significant public benefit" or "urgent humanitarian reasons."
- ✓ Limits parole to one year and up to a one-year extension, and prohibits the ability of those on parole to work in the United States, with limited exceptions.

SANCTUARY CITIES & NGOS

- ✗ Appropriates taxpayer dollars to subsidize illegal immigration through the Shelter and Services Program, which awards grants to NGOs and sanctuary jurisdictions that facilitate illegal immigration.

- ✓ Prohibits DHS funds from being authorized for the Shelter and Services Program and any NGO providing transportation, lodging, or legal services to inadmissible aliens.