



Amendments to Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2015 (H.R. 240)

What they do: The Rules Committee this evening is expected to make in order five amendments that seek to block implementation, defund, or simply oppose the President's executive actions on immigration.

1. **Aderholt Amendment:** This amendment prohibits any funds or fees to be used to carry out the majority of the President's executive actions, including DAPA and DACA. The amendment would also prohibit any funds or fees to be used to carry out prior DHS memoranda such as DACA, the Morton memos, and more.
2. **Blackburn Amendment:** This amendment would end the DACA program, making "DREAMer children" susceptible to deportation. It would also bar any federal agency from using funding to process new applications, renewals, or adjudicate a previous denial.
3. **DeSantis Amendment:** This amendment prevents ICE from implementing new enforcement priorities outlined as part of the President's executive actions. Because those convicted of domestic violence, sexual abuse, child molestation, or child exploitation were not identified as priorities for removal, the amendment says that no funding may be used for any policy related to apprehension, detention, or removal that does not do so.
4. **Salmon Amendment:** This "sense of Congress" amendment suggests that because DACA and DAPA recipients are not able to participate in the Affordable Care Act, employers will have an incentive to hire these workers over other workers.
5. **Schock Amendment:** This "sense of Congress" amendment suggests that DACA and DAPA applications should not be prioritized over those lawfully present and will contribute to a backlog at USCIS.

Vote recommendation: *Oppose all*

Talking Points: Amendments like these are mean-spirited. Rather than blocking or defunding Administrative Relief, House Republicans should move forward with a legislative solution to fix our broken immigration system and refrain from jeopardizing a vital appropriations bill.

- Rather than advancing a pro-active reform agenda, Leadership has opted to bring back discarded measures to facilitate deportations and break up families.
- There is a historical precedent for Presidents invoking prosecutorial discretion. Every President since Eisenhower has done so and the legality has never been questioned.
- With limited resources, ICE must set enforcement priorities to remove those who are threats to our national security. The President's executive actions allow those with deep-ties to their community who do not have a criminal record to get right with the law and receive work authorization.
- Proposals to repeal administrative relief are unacceptable. These are landmark protections for 5 million families across the country, which are overwhelmingly supported by Latino voters.

Note: NCLR will recommend including these votes in any future Latino scorecard of the 114th Congress.

