

AMENDMENT TO H. CON. RES. _____,
THE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015
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Page 4, line 5, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$2,100,000,000)”.

Page 4, line 6, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$11,500,000,000)”.

Page 4, line 7, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$28,000,000,000)”.

Page 4, line 8, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$39,100,000,000)”.

Page 4, line 9, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$45,000,000,000)”.

Page 4, line 10, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$47,700,000,000)”.

Page 4, line 11, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$55,300,000,000)”.

Page 4, line 12, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$65,000,000,000)”.

Page 4, line 13, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$77,700,000,000)”.

Page 4, line 14, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$87,600,000,000)”.

At the end of title VI, add the following:

1 SEC. 614. POLICY STATEMENT ON IMMIGRATION REFORM.

2 (a) FINDINGS.—The House finds that—

3 (1) fixing the country’s broken immigration sys-
4 tem will mean a stronger economy and lower budget
5 deficits;

6 (2) the Congressional Budget Office estimates
7 that enacting H.R. 15, the Border Security, Eco-
8 nomic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization
9 Act, will reduce the deficit by \$900 billion over the
10 next two decades, boost the economy by 5.4 percent,
11 and increase productivity by 1.0 percent;

12 (3) the Social Security Actuary estimates that
13 immigration reform will add up to \$300 billion to
14 the Social Security Trust Fund over the next decade
15 and will extend Social Security solvency by up to two
16 years;

17 (4) America is a nation founded, built and sus-
18 tained by immigrants, and we have a responsibility

1 to harness the power of that tradition by imple-
2 menting an effective immigration policy;

3 (5) the current immigration system is broken
4 because it keeps families of legal immigrants and
5 U.S. citizens separated for decades, it allows for the
6 exploitation of undocumented workers to the det-
7 riment of all workers, it discourages legal immigra-
8 tion and does not meet the needs of our economy,
9 and it keeps millions of hardworking, law abiding
10 families who have lived in our communities for dec-
11 ades hiding in the shadows, which includes many
12 thousands who came to the U.S. as infants or young
13 children;

14 (6) it has been nearly 300 days since the Sen-
15 ate passed, on a bipartisan basis, its comprehensive
16 immigration reform bill;

17 (7) immigration reform is needed to secure the
18 sovereignty of the United States of America and to
19 establish a coherent and just system for integrating
20 those who seek to join American society;

21 (8) as a nation, we have the right and responsi-
22 bility to make our borders safe, to establish clear
23 and just rules for seeking citizenship, to control the
24 flow of legal immigration, and to eliminate illegal

1 immigration, which in some cases has become a
2 threat to our national security; and

3 (9) a successful immigration system will mean
4 smarter, more accountable and efficient border secu-
5 rity; a system that promotes the reunification of
6 families; a system that protects workers and is re-
7 sponsive to the needs of employers; strong employ-
8 ment verification laws; and an inclusive legalization
9 program for those who are currently here.

10 (b) SENSE OF THE HOUSE.—It is the sense of the
11 House of Representatives that it is imperative that the full
12 House vote on comprehensive immigration reform – such
13 as H.R. 15, the Border Security, Economic Opportunity,
14 and Immigration Modernization Act – to establish clear
15 and just rules for citizenship, secure our borders, boost
16 our economy, and lower deficits.

At the appropriate place in the Committee Report, insert the following: “The resolution accommodates H.R. 15, the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act. Immigration reform will not only bring clear and just rules for those seeking citizenship and help secure our borders, but it will also boost the economy and reduce budget deficits. The Congressional Budget Office estimates H.R. 15 will reduce the deficit by \$900 billion over the next two decades, boost

the economy by 5.4 percent, and increase productivity by 1.0 percent.”.

