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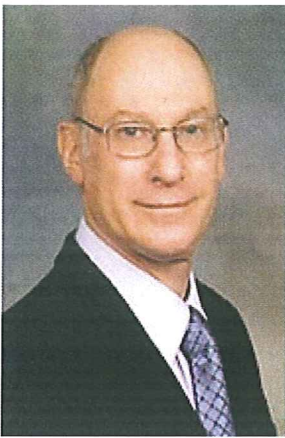
House of Representatives Passes HR 3012 and Senate Action Seems Assured: Country Numerical Limitations to be Eliminated (Employment Based) and Lowered (Family Based).

On November 29, 2011, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 3012. That bill, which Senator Schumer said will also pass the Senate, will make major changes to the system relating to the allocation of visas. The country limitations will be eliminated for employment based immigrant visas ("green cards") and the country limitations for family based "green card" visas will be increased from 7% percent of the visas in each family based category to 15%.

What will be the result of this Congressional action?

Waiting times for foreign nationals from China and India with employment based visa applications will see their waiting time dramatically decrease. Waiting times for foreign nationals from Mexico and Philippines with family based visa applications (other than immediate relatives, e.g., spouses, parents and children under age 21 of U.S. citizens) will also decrease.

However, since there will be no overall increase in the number of visas being issued waiting times for foreign nationals of the approximately 200



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other countries will dramatically increase.

Ponder this question: Would not our country be better served by increasing the total number of visas so foreign nationals could immigrate at a faster rate thereby helping the economy? This would be accomplished by the money that these new immigrants would infuse into the economy.

Anti-immigrant Sheriff in Arizona Endorse Governor Rick Perry.

On November 30, 2011, the famous anti-immigrant sheriff in Arizona, Joe Arpaio, endorsed Governor Rick Perry for the Republican nomination for President. This is an important endorsement for Governor Perry because of some liberal positions he has taken regarding the education of undocumented children in Texas.

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