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One thing you won't have to worry about this Christmas is having to start the new year with a massive increase of H-1B visas.

Despite an intense lobbying campaign by the likes of Bill Gates, Congress didn't pass an H-1B increase or any other escalation in immigration.

Bill Gates started lobbying for the Skil bill months ago. He personally went to Washington D.C. twice, and an army of his paid K-Streeters swarmed Capitol Hill to buy votes. Bill Gates was so salient that the Skil Bill was nicknamed "Bill's Skil Bill". In addition Gates spent untold millions to sway Congress.

Gates wasn't the only one to get slapped in the face. Hundreds of companies and dozens of think tanks, political action campaigns, and immigration lawyer groups failed to open the floodgates to cheap labor.

Congress had one last chance to slip in an increase when both the House and Senate voted in favor of the "United States-India Peaceful Atomic Energy Cooperation Act", which I call "Nukes for Mangos". There was an attempt to attach an H-1B increase to this bill but that too failed.

It's time to celebrate!

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Congress went home -- No immigration increases!!!! Thanks to all of you

WE WON!

This two-year Congress came to a close early this morning.

Everything looks good.

Your NumbersUSA Capitol Hill Team must still go through the minutia of all that passed in the final day. But we feel confident -- based on assurances from our ally Members of Congress -- that you and we beat back all attempts to increase immigration.

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The Associated Press reports that Speaker Dennis Hastert (R-IL) gavelled the House to a close for his last time about 3:15 a.m. The Senate adjourned at about 4:40 a.m.

As Will Rogers might have said, "America was safe again at 4:41 a.m."

Victory! Congress Leaves Town Without Increasing Immigration



(December 10) The Senate and House worked through the night and left town early on December 9, finishing this two-year Congress without increasing immigration above its already historic peak levels.

The swarms of industry lobbyists were unable to beat the combination of the clock pressure and the unrelenting phone/fax opposition of NumbersUSA members and other voters back home. The lobbyists fought desperately for an increase of around 100,000 additional nurses next year and a near-doubling of visas and greencards for skilled workers, especially programmers and engineers. It appears they lost on all counts.

The NumbersUSA Capitol Hill Team must still go through the minutia of all that passed in the final day of Congress. But Members of Congress who stood beside American workers against unfair foreign labor competition say the bills are clean of the kind of immigration mischief that Congress often passes in its final flurry of legislation. This includes the new trade pact with Vietnam, which dealt with the movement of goods without forcing the movement of foreign workers into U.S. job occupations.

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