

Floor Amendment No. 1895 (1463) to HR 1735

HELLER AMENDMENT SA 1895

TEXT OF AMENDMENT

SA 1895. Mr. HELLER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title V, add the following:

SEC. 524. EVALUATION OF THE IMPACT OF THE ENLISTMENT OF CERTAIN ALIENS IN THE ARMED FORCES ON MILIARY READINESS.

(a) Evaluation Required.—The Secretary of Defense shall evaluate—

(1) whether permitting covered aliens to enlist in the Armed Forces could expand the pool of potential enlistees in the Armed Forces; and

(2) how making covered aliens eligible for enlistment in the Armed Forces would impact military readiness.

(b) Covered Aliens Defined.—In this section, the term “covered aliens” means aliens who—

(1) were unlawfully present in the United States on December 31, 2011;

(2) have been continuously present in the United States since that date;

(3) were younger than 16 years of age on the date the aliens initially entered the United States; and

(4) disregarding such unlawful status, are otherwise eligible for original enlistment in a regular component of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard.