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<u>Order of Business</u>: This legislation is scheduled to be considered on Thursday, July 31, 2014, subject to a <u>closed rule</u>. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 5272 after the passage of H.R. 5230.

<u>Summary</u>: H.R. 5272 prohibits any expansion of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program or authorization of new deferred action programs, through memoranda, regulations, policies, or other similar instruments, for any class of aliens not in lawful immigration status after July 30, 2014. The legislation also prohibits the government, unless otherwise authorized by law, to authorize any alien to work in the United States who does not have lawful status according to the Immigration and Nationality Act (<u>8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(17)</u>) and is not lawfully present in the United States.

Additional Information: DACA allows people who have resided in the United States continuously since June 15, 2007, arrived in the U.S. before June 15, 2012, came to the U.S. before the age of 16, and were under 31 years old as of June 15, 2012, to apply for deferred action for removal proceedings for a period of two years, during which they cannot be removed. During this time they are also eligible for work authorization. Detailed information about DACA can be found on the United States Customs and Immigration website here.

DACA was created by President Obama on June 15, 2012. According to <u>U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services</u>, "as of April 2014, more than 560,000 individuals have received DACA." A House Committee on the Judiciary <u>press release</u>, citing Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) statistics, states, "illegal migration of minors will grow from 6,500 in FY 2011 to an estimated 142,000 in 2015. As of last week, DHS has seen about 50,000 minors attempting to cross into the United States and over 40,000 family members for FY 2014. The estimated number to be apprehended in 2014 represents a 1,381% increase since 2011, while the projected

number of 142,000 apprehensions in 2015 represents a 2,232% increase." The Chief Executive Officer of Heritage Action published an article, available here, that credits the large increase in illegal border crossings to DACA.

Conservatives have been concerned about the President's excessive use of executive action from the outset regarding DACA. See an article by AEI scholar John Yoo here.

<u>Committee Action</u>: The legislation was introduced on July 30, 2014, and referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. There was no further action by the Committee on the bill.

Administration Position: There is no Statement of Administration Policy available.

Cost to Taxpayers: There is no Congressional Budget Office cost estimate available.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

<u>Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?</u>: No.

Does the Bill Contain Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: No.

Constitutional Authority: The Constitutional Authority Statement is unavailable.

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