"Establishing a computerized system to track entries and exits from the United States should not even be a subject of debate. There are no technological barriers, merely a lack of will and funding. What is more, the practice of requiring permanent residents who are not yet citizens to annually register their whereabouts with government, which was discontinued in the 1970s, should be reestablished.

"The State Department's visa officers overseas need to be recognized as 'America's other Border Patrol.' Visa officers often have only 2 or 3 minutes to consider an application, and are pressured to approve a high proportion of applicants to avoid offending the host country. The granting of visas should become a freestanding, well-funded function that people sign up for from the start, rather than today's haphazard right of passage for foreign Foreign Service officers.

"The very morning of the September 11 attack, the House was about to resurrect a provision called 245(i), which allows people to receive green cards in the United States rather than in their home countries. "Because personnel abroad are best equipped to screen applicants, 245(i) negates any efforts to keep out those judged potentially indelible.

"Finally, whatever one thinks about the level of immigration, a temporary reduction in legal immigration and the admission of temporary workers and students is essential to allow the overhaul of our immigration infrastructure.

"Did we hear that, Mr. Speaker? "A temporary reduction in legal immigration, and I will say a pause in all immigration. I want a pause. I will soon be introducing a bill to that effect. A pause, at least a 6-month pause, in all immigration into the United States, except for special circumstances, maybe national defense-related issues. But other than that, let us stop it. Because we have an overhaul to do with our entire system. Let us let the Department, let us let our new Secretary for the Department of Homeland Defense determine how best to go back into the field and try to defend our borders. But let us call a pause or a halt to them.

"And the other thing, of course, everyone must do, Mr. Speaker, is to let their representatives in this body and in the other body know how they feel. Believe it or not, Mr. Speaker, believe it or not, there are still people in this body who are opposed to immigration reform, even after September 11; and there is only one way they are ever going to change their mind. There is only one way they are ever going to see the light and that, of course, is when they feel the heat.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE
By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to
Ms. Watson of California (at the request of Mr. Gephardt) for today on account of illness.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.
Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:
H.J. Res. 65. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes.
H.R. 2603. An act to implement the agreement establishing a United States-Jordan free trade area.
Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn. The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 22 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, September 26, 2001, at 10 a.m.
Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes today.
Mrs. KELLY, for 5 minutes today.
Mr. HORN for 5 minutes, today.
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