

What to do with the Lame Duck

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The Congress has a large agenda for its lame duck session that begins today. But, of all the many things the Congress needs to consider, from tax cuts to the START Treaty ratification, none is more important than passing the DREAM Act that will permit those who were brought to this country without proper immigration papers as children, but who now wish to attend college or serve in the military, to become citizens. It is the right thing to do. It speaks to the "American exceptionalism" that the right always likes to crow about, a perfect example of the American Dream at work. It is an act of justice. It is a step towards resolving our scandalous immigration laws. And, for someone like Sen. Harry Reid, whose re-election was secured by the votes of Latinos, it is a matter of political necessity.

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