

**H.R. 2671**  
**The CLEAR Act of 2003**  
**JUST THE FACTS:**

1. Gives local and state law enforcement agencies the authority to detain criminal and illegal aliens within the course of their regular duty.
2. Ensures federalism by giving states and localities the choice to enforce these immigration laws.
3. Takes the guesswork out of immigration law for law enforcement so apprehensions can be made more quickly.
4. Creates a financial disincentive for illegally returning to the U.S. again and again.
5. Creates a new category in the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) for any and all violators of immigration law with the goal that the information will be readily accessible to every local police officer.
6. In order to train and equip officers in enforcing immigration laws, a new grant program is created for the purchase of equipment for housing and processing of illegal aliens.
7. A new system for BICE to take custody of illegal aliens from localities and take them to a BICE facility for processing and removal is created. Also requires the federal government to either take custody of illegal aliens or else pay the locality to detain the aliens.
8. Police officers and law enforcement agencies are granted immunity from legal liability for enforcing immigration law, leaving them free to do their duty in enforcement of immigration law.
9. Mandates the extension of the Institutional Removal Program (IRP) so that criminal aliens are detained, serve their sentences and are deported without being released into the community at anytime in between.
10. Allows state and local police to hold truly uncooperative federal agencies accountable by setting up an unprecedented administrative review process and fine schedule.