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**Group Condemns Congress for Passing "Clean" DHS Funding Bill;
Suggests the Senate Return to Simple Majority Rule**

Philadelphia, PA (March 3, 2015) -- The Independence Hall Foundation is expressing grave disappointment over the actions of both the U.S. House and Senate in failing to deny funding for President Obama's Executive Order on Illegal Immigration by passing a "clean" Department of Homeland Security funding bill.

"At stake in this vote is the balance of power among the three branches of government," said spokesman Don Adams.

"Whether you are for or against amnesty for illegal immigrants, the President does not have the authority to grant such sweeping changes to our immigration laws without the approval of Congress.

"In thwarting Congress, the President sets a precedent in the usurpation of power which he or future Presidents, Democrat or Republican, could expand upon--making the People's House--the US Congress--irrelevant," said Adams.

"We also think the Senate should, once again, respect simple majority rule--as has been the case throughout most of its 225-year history. Nothing in the US Constitution stipulates that the US Senate should adhere to a 60-vote majority in order to pass legislation."

"If Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell had invoked the so-called 'nuclear option' as called for by Republican Majority Leader, Congressman Kevin McCarthy, then the Senate could have passed the first House DHS bill denying funds necessary to implement the President's order.

"Now, only the Federal Courts stand in the way of the President's power grab,"

Adams said.

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