In Washington, nothing is really sacred anymore—not a person's reputation, their character, truth or fiction—only political expediency. In today's America, truth is stranger than fiction and much harder to find than a needle in a haystack as the media is no longer the source for factual information and the internet has never been a foolproof resource for making one truly wise in a manner equal to the Bible, the Judea-Christian Scriptures themselves. Snopes and other sites have lost credibility (if they ever had any) due to questions of their own bias, and conservative or liberal writers will be sure to quantify the source of information so as to somehow lend suspicion (or credibility) of its validity. So the reader is left to make their own judgments, at times, in the midst of a sea of information.

One particular case in point originated in 1952. U.S. Senate H.R. 5678 was passed and written into the U.S. Code of Law under Title 8. This Senate Resolution, formally entitled the “Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952”, is most often referred to as the McCarran-Walter Act of 1952 for the main sponsors of the bill. Even though this bill did much to abolish racial restrictions found in United States’ immigration and naturalization statutes going back as far as the Naturalization Act of 1790, it has been used to attack those who work to uphold it by calling them racists, bigots, dumb, and many other names more resonant of schoolyard tactics rather than the positive character quality driven words of a representative in public service, government, or media. But alas, that is no longer the world we live in where civility takes second place to half-truths and vile character attacks.

Now, as law, it has been used like a football being driven by both teams down the field. And like a football, this law is good and useful, yet used by each team to serve their own ends. Originally, it was used to press racially restrictive immigration laws as was the primary intent of one of its sponsors—then Democrat Nevada Senator Pat McCarran (D-Nevada).

**Harry Reid:** However, now that Senator McCarran is no longer alive and able to defend himself and his original intent, current Democrat Senator Harry Reid has vilified the
deceased Senator McCarran by calling him racist, a bigot, and even going so far as to say Senator McCarran’s name should be removed from all public buildings and facilities in the state of Nevada. This statement was made when Sen. Reid was working to have a major international airport renamed from McCarran to, none other than, “The Harry Reid International Airport.” How’s that for using circumstances to one’s own favor, while at the same time demeaning the name of a Bill’s sponsor that would restrict inappropriate immigration from going forward—as has been the case of the liberal agenda for some time now?

Jimmy Carter: Some have said that Jimmy Carter used this law or at least the spirit of its intent when he signed “Executive Order 12172—Delegation of authority with respect to entry of certain aliens into the United States” in essence to ban or hinder Iranian visa holding travelers to America during the turbulent 80’s and the Iran Hostage situation as well as Olympic atrocities of the times.

Donald Trump: Lately, the Democrat, Liberal, and Progressive congressional “leadership”, as well as elected officials at all levels of government, press forward an agenda to twist our immigration laws to suit the “need for more vote” ambitions, while the Conservative (once Independent and Democrat) Donald Trump has recently been lambasted when he referred to this law and its statutes that have been in place for over sixty years. The problem is our elected officials know less about our laws than a billionaire businessman from New York City who has never walked the path they have so aggressivly twisted—that path being the walk of shame that is so much a part of the Washington establishment of corruption, political expediency, and cronyism.

Donald Trump’s comments need to be evaluated. The main comments surrounded his belief that the President of the United States has the right, under current law, to ban anyone deemed undesirable for the American landscape.

Let us look at the text that Donald Trump was referring to. It comes directly from U.S. Code Title 8, Chapter 12, Subchapter II, Part II, Section 1182 with no modifications and can be read online here. (Search for “Restrictions by President” to locate the text.)

1. **U.S. Code > Title 8 > Chapter 12 > Subchapter II > Part II > § 1182**

**(f) Suspension of entry or imposition of restrictions by President**

Whenever the President finds that the entry of any aliens or of any class of aliens into the United States would be detrimental to the interests of the United States, he may by proclamation, and for such period as he shall deem necessary, suspend the entry of all aliens or any class of aliens as immigrants or nonimmigrants, or impose on the entry of aliens any restrictions he may deem to be appropriate. Whenever the Attorney General finds that a commercial airline has failed to comply with
regulations of the Attorney General relating to requirements of airlines for the detection of fraudulent documents used by passengers traveling to the United States (including the training of personnel in such detection), the Attorney General may suspend the entry of some or all aliens transported to the United States by such airline.

The following is an Online Summary from The University of Washington-Bothell Library in its unedited form.

Otherwise known as the McCarran-Walter Act, the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 was meant to exclude certain immigrants from immigrating to America, post-World War II and in the early Cold War. The McCarran-Walter Act moved away from excluding immigrants based simply upon country of origin. Instead it focused upon denying immigrants who were unlawful, immoral, diseased in any way, politically radical etc. and accepting those who were willing and able to assimilate into the US economic, social, and political structures, which restructured how immigration law was handled. Furthermore, the most notable exclusions were anyone even remotely associated with communism, which in the early days of the Cold War was seen as a serious threat to US democracy. The main objective of this was to block any spread of communism from outside post WWII countries, as well as deny any enemies of the US during WWII such as Japan and favor “good Asian” countries such as China. The McCarran-Walter Act was a strong reinforcement in immigration selection, which was labeled the best way to preserve national security and national interests. President Truman originally vetoed the law, deeming it discriminatory; however, there was enough support in Congress for the law to pass.

So, for my own summary—this law protects against racially charged decisions while giving the President and the Attorney General the authority to protect our borders by limiting incoming travel until clear safety measures are put in place. Which as I understand it is the main steps Donald Trump wishes to do—protect America and restrict travel until such time as our safety can be assured, while protecting freedom of travel.

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