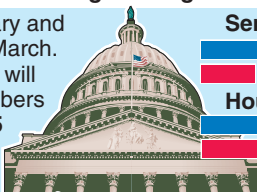


Bush walks tightrope on immigration

In a bid to woo both conservative Republican and Democrat voters ahead of midterm elections, President Bush is trying to look tough on Mexican border security while seeking to reassure Latinos that a guest-worker programme for America's illegal immigrants will be part of the mix

Midterm elections: Primary and runoff elections began in March. On November 7, elections will be held for **33 of 100** members of U.S. **Senate** and all **435** members of **House of Representatives**



Senate: Current seats

55 Rep
44 Dem **1 Independent**

House:

231
201

2 vacant, 1 Independent

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MONDAY
MAY

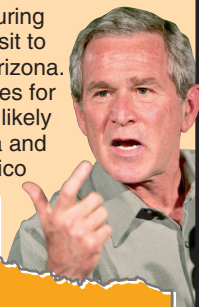
President Bush announces plan to send 6,000 National Guard troops to border to stop illegal immigrants

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WEDNESDAY
MAY

Senate votes to build 600km triple-layer fence along border and set up 800km of vehicle barriers

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THURSDAY
MAY

Bush backs fence during visit to Arizona. Close races for congress likely in Arizona and New Mexico



CALIFORNIA

ARIZONA

NEW MEXICO

TEXAS

250km

150 miles

BORDER FENCE



Existing section



Proposed section

Around 500,000 illegal immigrants enter U.S. each year

MEXICO