



## EXCERPT FROM INTERVIEW WITH JOHN BOEHNER

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**GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS:**

As for immigration reform, here's what the speaker told me last year.

(BEGIN VIDEO)

**JOHN BOEHNER:**

By the end of the year we could have bill.

**STEPHANOPOULOS:**

One that passes the House, passes the Senate, signed by the president?

**BOEHNER:**

Yeah, no question.

(END VIDEO)

**STEPHANOPOULOS:**

You told me last year it was going to be passed by now.

**BOEHNER:**

I thought it was too but it wasn't. We had a flood of children coming across the border once again proving that no good immigration bill can pass until we have real border security.

Big things in Washington take bipartisan majorities. Issue of immigration, only way to do it, and frankly the right way to do it, is to do it in a broad bipartisan way.

**STEPHANOPOULOS:**

And you think you can bring your party along on that?

**BOEHNER:**

Absolutely.

**STEPHANOPOULOS:**

And you're committed to doing that if you're speaker?

**BOEHNER:**

I said the day after the 2012 election it was time to do immigration reform. I meant it then and I mean it today.

**STEPHANOPOULOS:**

Bring us inside that room in January. What do you say to the President? What can get done?

**BOEHNER:**

I think the conversation's pretty straightforward. 'Mr. President you've got two years left. Want to have two years like we've had the last four years where we just butt heads and butt heads and butt heads?'

George I didn't come to Washington to make noise. I went there to do something on behalf of my country. And I think the president ran for office to do something on behalf of the country. And it's up to us to see where the common ground is. But tax reform, a big highway bill, certainly are in the realm of doable.

**STEPHANOPOULOS:**

Mr. Speaker, thanks very much.

**BOEHNER:**

Nice to see you.