

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish an outbound inspection strategy at the southern land border, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—116th Cong., 1st Sess.

S. 2162

To require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to annually hire at least 600 new Border Patrol agents, to report quarterly to Congress on the status of the Border Patrol workforce, and to conduct a comprehensive staffing analysis.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Ms. HASSAN

Viz:

1 On page 4, strike line 1 and insert the following:

2 **SEC. 4. SOUTHBOUND INSPECTIONS.**

3 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the
4 “Combating Cartels Through Southbound Inspections
5 Act”.

6 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
8 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
9 mittees” means—

1 (A) the Committee on Appropriations of
2 the Senate;

3 (B) the Committee on Homeland Security
4 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

5 (C) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
6 Senate;

7 (D) the Committee on Appropriations of
8 the House of Representatives;

9 (E) the Committee on Homeland Security
10 of the House of Representatives; and

11 (F) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
12 House of Representatives.

13 (2) SOUTHERN BORDER.—The term “Southern
14 Border” means the land border between the United
15 States and Mexico.

16 (c) SOUTHBOUND CURRENCY AND FIREARMS SEI-
17 ZURES QUARTERLY REPORT.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
19 the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 90
20 days thereafter until the date that is 4 years after
21 such date of enactment, the Commissioner of U.S.
22 Customs and Border Protection shall submit a re-
23 port to the appropriate congressional committees re-
24 garding the seizure of currency, firearms, and am-
25 munition attempted to be trafficked southbound into

1 Mexico from the United States along the Southern
2 Border.

3 (2) CONTENTS.—Each report submitted pursu-
4 ant to subsection (a) shall include, for the most re-
5 cent 90-day period for which such information is
6 available—

7 (A) the total number of currency seizures
8 that occurred from outbound inspections at
9 United States land ports of entry along the
10 Southern Border;

11 (B) the total dollar amount associated with
12 the currency seizures referred to in subpara-
13 graph (A);

14 (C) the total number of firearms seized
15 from outbound inspections at United States
16 land ports of entry along the Southern Border;

17 (D) the total number of ammunition
18 rounds seized from outbound inspections at
19 United States land ports of entry along the
20 Southern Border; and

21 (E) the total number of incidents of fire-
22 arm seizures and ammunition seizures that oc-
23 curred at United States land ports of entry
24 along the Southern Border.

25 (d) SOUTHBOUND INSPECTION STRATEGY.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-
3 nually thereafter, the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
4 rity shall submit a strategy (or an updated strategy)
5 to the appropriate congressional committees for es-
6 tablishing a permanent and comprehensive outbound
7 inspection capability along the Southern Border.

8 (2) SEPARATE PRESENTATION OF CLASSIFIED
9 MATERIAL.—Any part of the strategy required under
10 paragraph (1) that involves information that is clas-
11 sified under criteria established by the Secretary
12 shall be submitted to the appropriate congressional
13 committees—

14 (A) separately in a classified annex; and

15 (B) if requested by the chairman or the
16 ranking member of 1 of the appropriate con-
17 gressional committees, as a briefing at an ap-
18 propriate level of security.

19 (3) CONTENTS.—Each strategy submitted pur-
20 suant to paragraph (1) shall include—

21 (A) an intelligence assessment of the cur-
22 rent capabilities and resources of Mexican drug
23 trafficking organizations;

24 (B) the requirements for establishing oper-
25 ational control over outbound traffic;

1 (C) the number of dedicated outbound
2 traffic lanes currently at each of port of entry
3 along the Southern Border;

4 (D) a detailed explanation of the plans for
5 expanding existing outbound lane capacity dur-
6 ing the 5-year period beginning on the date of
7 the enactment of this Act in order to achieve
8 operational control of all outbound traffic;

9 (E) a staffing model for achieving a con-
10 tinuous inspection regime of all outbound traf-
11 fic;

12 (F) an inventory of the existing technology
13 used for outbound inspections;

14 (G) a list of the equipment and facilities
15 needed to conduct continuous outbound inspec-
16 tions;

17 (H) a list of any additional authorities
18 needed by the Department of Homeland Secu-
19 rity in order to facilitate continuous inspection
20 along the Southern Border;

21 (I) an engagement plan for working with
22 Mexican border officials conducting inbound in-
23 spections on the Mexico side of the Southern
24 Border; and

1 (J) a cost estimate for achieving oper-
2 ational control over outbound traffic not later
3 than 5 years after the date of the enactment of
4 this Act.

5 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**