

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3239

To require the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to submit a report on the effects of the Merida Initiative on the border security of the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 16, 2009

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona (for herself and Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. REPORT ON MERIDA INITIATIVE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
6 Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of

1 State, shall submit to Congress a report on the effects of
2 the Merida Initiative on the following:

3 (1) Enhancing border security.

4 (2) Reducing the potential for border violence.

5 (3) Preventing the illicit flow of arms and bulk
6 cash across the border between the United States
7 and Mexico.

8 (b) MERIDA INITIATIVE DEFINED.—In this section,
9 the term “Merida Initiative” means the program an-
10 nounced by the United States and Mexico on October 22,
11 2007, to fight illicit narcotics trafficking and criminal or-
12 ganizations throughout the Western Hemisphere.

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