

# Union Calendar No. 245

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 3239

[Report No. 111-429]

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## 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

MARCH 9, 2010

Additional sponsor: Ms. RICHARDSON

MARCH 9, 2010

Reported from the Committee on Homeland Security

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MARCH 9, 2010

Committee on Foreign Affairs discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

# **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  
7 State, shall submit to Congress a report on the effects of  
8 the Merida Initiative on the following:

9 (1) **Enhancing border security.**

10 (2) **Reducing the potential for border violence.**

11 (3) **Preventing the illicit flow of arms and bulk**  
12 **cash across the border between the United States**  
13 **and Mexico.**

14 (b) **MERIDA INITIATIVE DEFINED.**—In this section,  
15 the term “Merida Initiative” means the program an-  
16 nounced by the United States and Mexico on October 22,  
17 2007, to fight illicit narcotics trafficking and criminal or-  
18 ganizations throughout the Western Hemisphere.

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

20 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 12 months after the  
21 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland  
22 Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall  
23 submit to Congress a report on the effects of the Merida  
24 Initiative on the following:

25 (1) **Enhancing border security.**

1           (2) *Reducing the potential for border violence.*

2           (3) *Preventing the illicit flow of arms, bulk cash,*  
3 *human trafficking and smuggling, and illegal nar-*  
4 *cotics across the border between the United States and*  
5 *Mexico.*

6           (4) *Improving cooperation between officials and*  
7 *agencies of the Department of Homeland Security*  
8 *and the foreign counterparts of such officials and*  
9 *agencies participating in the Merida Initiative, in-*  
10 *cluding a detailed description of how cooperation has*  
11 *or has not improved under the Merida Initiative.*

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