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H. R. 6170

To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to cease all immigration functions at ports of entry along the southern border until the United States is secure, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas (for himself, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. BABIN, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. SELF, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. OGLES, and Mr. WEBER of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Border Security and
5 Terrorism Prevention Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SOUTHERN BORDER CLOSURE.**

2 (a) CESSATION OF ALL IMMIGRATION FUNCTIONS AT
3 SOUTHWEST BORDER.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland
5 Security shall take such actions as may be necessary
6 to immediately cease immigration functions de-
7 scribed in paragraph (2) at ports of entry along the
8 southern border.

9 (2) IMMIGRATION FUNCTIONS DESCRIBED.—
10 The immigration functions described in this para-
11 graph are the following:

12 (A) The processing of aliens into the
13 United States who seek entry at the southwest
14 border.

15 (B) The processing of aliens into the
16 United States who unlawfully cross into the
17 United States.

18 (b) DETENTION AND REMOVAL.—The Secretary of
19 Homeland Security, acting through the Commissioner of
20 U.S. Customs and Border Protection, shall immediately
21 detain aliens apprehended along the southwest border and
22 expediently remove such aliens from the United States.

23 (c) CERTIFICATION.—The cessation under subsection
24 (a) shall terminate 15 days after the date on which the
25 Secretary of Homeland Security submits to Congress a
26 certification that no individuals included on the terrorist

1 screening database are able to enter the United States at
2 any point along the southern border.

3 (d) REPORT.—The Secretary of Homeland Security
4 shall submit to Congress a report that—

5 (1) identifies security risks and capability gaps
6 along the southwest border;

7 (2) includes information relating to efforts by
8 U.S. Customs and Border Protection to—

9 (A) prevent terrorists and instruments of
10 terror from entering the United States; and

11 (B) combat and reduce cross-border crimi-
12 nal activity, including—

13 (i) the transport of illegal goods, such
14 as illicit drugs; and

15 (ii) human smuggling and human
16 trafficking; and

17 (3) includes a plan to ensure all aliens appre-
18 hended at ports of entry are cross-referenced against
19 the terrorist screening database and immediately de-
20 tained and not released until a match determination
21 is acquired.

22 (e) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “terrorist
23 screening database” has the meaning given such term in

1 section 2101 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6
2 U.S.C. 621).

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