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[Report No. 114–155]

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 21, 2015

Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. PORTMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

OCTOBER 19, 2015

Reported by Mr. JOHNSON, with an amendment

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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 “~~Northern Border Secu-~~
5 rity Review Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) **APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.**—The term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

6 (A) the Committee on Homeland Security
7 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

8 (B) the Committee on Appropriations of
9 the Senate;

10 (C) the Committee on Homeland Security
11 of the House of Representatives; and

12 (D) the Committee on Appropriations of
13 the House of Representatives.

14 (2) **NORTHERN BORDER.**—The term “Northern
15 Border” means the land and maritime borders be-
16 tween the United States and Canada.

17 **SEC. 3. NORTHERN BORDER THREAT ANALYSIS.**

18 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the
19 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland
20 Security shall submit a Northern Border threat analysis
21 to the appropriate congressional committees that in-
22 cludes—

23 (1) current and potential terrorism and crimi-
24 nal threats posed by individuals and organized
25 groups seeking—

1 (A) to enter the United States through the
2 Northern Border; or

3 (B) to exploit border vulnerabilities on the
4 Northern Border;

5 (2) improvements needed at ports of entry
6 along the Northern Border—

7 (A) to prevent terrorists and instruments
8 of terror from entering the United States; and

9 (B) to reduce criminal activity; as meas-
10 ured by the total flow of illegal goods and illicit
11 drugs; related to the Northern Border;

12 (3) improvements needed between ports of entry
13 along the Northern Border, including the maritime
14 borders of the Great Lakes—

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16 of terror from entering the United States; and

17 (B) to reduce criminal activity related to
18 the Northern Border; and

19 (4) vulnerabilities in law, policy, cooperation be-
20 tween State, tribal, and local law enforcement, inter-
21 national agreements, or tribal agreements that
22 hinder effective and efficient border security,
23 counter-terrorism, anti-human trafficking efforts,
24 and the flow of legitimate trade along the Northern
25 Border.

1 (b) ANALYSIS REQUIREMENTS.—For the threat anal-
2 ysis required under subsection (a), the Secretary of Home-
3 land Security shall consider and examine—

4 (1) technology needs and challenges;

5 (2) personnel needs and challenges;

6 (3) the role of State, tribal, and local law en-
7 forcement in general border security activities;

8 (4) the need for cooperation among Federal,
9 State, tribal, local, and Canadian law enforcement
10 entities relating to border security; and

11 (5) the geographic challenges of the Northern
12 Border.

13 (c) CLASSIFIED THREAT ANALYSIS.—To the extent
14 possible, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit
15 the threat analysis required under subsection (a) in un-
16 classified form. The Secretary may submit a portion of
17 the threat analysis in classified form if the Secretary de-
18 termines that such form is appropriate for that portion.

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