

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H. R. 455, With an Amendment

(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 455

To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a northern border threat analysis, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 21, 2015

Mr. KATKO (for himself, Mr. KING of New York, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, and Mr. HIGGINS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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”.

6 **SEC. 2. NORTHERN BORDER THREAT ANALYSIS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
8 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-

1 land Security shall submit to the appropriate congres-
2 sional committees a Northern Border threat analysis that
3 includes—

4 (1) current and potential terrorism and crimi-
5 nal threats posed by individuals and organized
6 groups seeking to—

7 (A) enter the United States through the
8 Northern Border; or

9 (B) exploit border vulnerabilities along the
10 Northern Border;

11 (2) improvements needed at and between ports
12 of entry along the Northern Border to—

13 (A) prevent terrorists and instruments of
14 terror from entering the United States; and

15 (B) reduce criminal activity, as measured
16 by the total flow of illegal goods, illicit drugs,
17 and smuggled and trafficked persons moved in
18 either direction across the Northern Border;

19 (3) gaps in law, policy, cooperation between
20 State, local, and tribal law enforcement, inter-
21 national agreements, or tribal agreements that
22 hinder effective and efficient border security,
23 counter-terrorism, anti-human smuggling and traf-
24 ficking efforts, and the flow of legitimate trade along
25 the Northern Border; and

1 (4) an analysis of whether additional U.S. Cus-
2 toms and Border Protection preclearance and pre-in-
3 spection operations at ports of entry along the
4 Northern Border could help prevent terrorists and
5 instruments of terror from entering the United
6 States.

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

10 (1) technology needs and challenges;

11 (2) personnel needs and challenges;

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

14 (4) the need for cooperation among Federal,
15 State, local, tribal, and Canadian law enforcement
16 entities relating to border security; and

17 (5) the terrain, population density, and climate
18 along the Northern Border.

19 (c) CLASSIFIED THREAT ANALYSIS.—To the extent
20 possible, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit
21 the threat analysis required under subsection (a) in un-
22 classified form. The Secretary may submit a portion of
23 the threat analysis in classified form if the Secretary de-
24 termines such is appropriate.

25 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
2 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
3 mittees” means—

4 (A) the Committee on Homeland Security
5 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

6 (B) the Committee on Appropriations of
7 the Senate;

8 (C) the Committee on Homeland Security
9 of the House of Representatives; and

10 (D) the Committee on Appropriations of
11 the House of Representatives.

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