

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 1417
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Add at the end of the bill the following:

1 **SEC. 4. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY BORDER**
2 **OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is established an inde-
5 pendent task force, which shall be known as the De-
6 partment of Homeland Security Border Oversight
7 Task Force (referred to in this section as the “DHS
8 Task Force”).

9 (2) DUTIES.—The DHS Task Force shall—

10 (A) review and make recommendations re-
11 garding immigration and border enforcement
12 policies, strategies, and programs that take into
13 consideration their impact on border commu-
14 nities;

15 (B) recommend ways in which the Border
16 Communities Liaison Offices can strengthen re-
17 lations and collaboration between communities
18 in the border regions and the Department of

1 Homeland Security and other Federal agencies
2 that carry out such policies, strategies, and pro-
3 grams;

4 (C) evaluate how the policies, strategies,
5 and programs of Federal agencies operating
6 along the international borders between the
7 United States and Mexico and between the
8 United States and Canada protect the due pro-
9 cess, civil, and human rights of border residents,
10 visitors, and migrants at and near such borders;
11 and

12 (D) evaluate and make recommendations
13 regarding the training of border enforcement
14 personnel.

15 (3) MEMBERSHIP.—

16 (A) IN GENERAL.—The DHS Task Force
17 shall be composed of 26 members, appointed by
18 the President, who have expertise in migration,
19 local crime indices, civil and human rights,
20 community relations, cross-border trade and
21 commerce, quality of life indicators, or other
22 pertinent experience, of whom—

23 (i) eleven members shall be from the
24 Northern border region and shall include—

1 (I) two local government elected
2 officials;

3 (II) two local law enforcement of-
4 ficial;

5 (III) two civil rights advocates;

6 (IV) one business representative;

7 (V) one higher education rep-
8 resentative;

9 (VI) one representative of a faith
10 community; and

11 (VII) two representatives of the
12 Border Patrol; and

13 (ii) fifteen members shall be from the
14 Southern border region and shall include—

15 (I) three local government elected
16 officials;

17 (II) three local law enforcement
18 officials;

19 (III) three civil rights advocates;

20 (IV) two business representa-
21 tives;

22 (V) one higher education rep-
23 resentative;

24 (VI) one representative of a faith
25 community; and

1 (VII) two representatives of the
2 Border Patrol.

3 (B) NONGOVERNMENTAL APPOINTEES.—
4 Individuals appointed as members of the DHS
5 Task Force may not be employed by the Fed-
6 eral Government.

7 (C) TERM OF SERVICE.—Members of the
8 DHS Task Force shall be appointed for the
9 shorter of—

10 (i) three years; or

11 (ii) the life of the DHS Task Force.

12 (D) CHAIR, VICE CHAIR.—The members of
13 the DHS Task Force shall elect a Chair and a
14 Vice Chair from among its members, who shall
15 serve in such capacities for the life of the DHS
16 Task Force or until removed by the majority
17 vote of at least 14 members.

18 (b) OPERATIONS.—

19 (1) HEARINGS.—The DHS Task Force may,
20 for the purpose of carrying out its duties, hold hear-
21 ings, sit and act, take testimony, receive evidence,
22 and administer oaths.

23 (2) RECOMMENDATIONS.—The DHS Task
24 Force may make findings or recommendations to the

1 Secretary of Homeland Security related to the duties
2 described in subsection (a)(2).

3 (3) RESPONSE.—Not later than 180 days after
4 receiving findings and recommendations from the
5 DHS Task Force under paragraph (2), the Sec-
6 retary of Homeland Security shall issue a response
7 that describes how the Department of Homeland Se-
8 curity has addressed, or will address, such findings
9 and recommendations.

10 (4) INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES.—
11 The Chair, or 16 members of the DHS Task Force,
12 may request statistics relating to the duties de-
13 scribed in subsection (a)(2) directly from any Fed-
14 eral agency, which shall, to the extent authorized by
15 law, furnish such information, suggestions, esti-
16 mates, and statistics directly to the DHS Task
17 Force.

18 (5) COMPENSATION.—Members of the DHS
19 Task Force shall serve without pay, but shall be re-
20 imbursed for reasonable travel and subsistence ex-
21 penses incurred in the performance of their duties.

22 (c) REPORT.—Not later than two years after its first
23 meeting, the DHS Task Force shall submit to the Presi-
24 dent, Congress, and the Secretary of Homeland Security
25 a final report that contains—

1 (1) findings with respect to the duties of the
2 DHS Task Force; and

3 (2) recommendations regarding border and im-
4 migration enforcement policies, strategies, and pro-
5 grams, including—

6 (A) a recommendation as to whether the
7 DHS Task Force should continue to operate;
8 and

9 (B) a description of any duties the DHS
10 Task Force should be responsible for after the
11 termination date described in subsection (e).

12 (d) SUNSET.—The DHS Task Force shall terminate
13 operations 60 days after the date on which the DHS Task
14 Force submits the report required under subsection (c).

