

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 3586
OFFERED BY MR. KATKO OF NEW YORK**

Page 17, beginning line 14, insert the following (and make appropriate technical and conforming amendments):

1 **“SEC. 420E. INTEGRATED BORDER ENFORCEMENT TEAMS.**

2 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-
3 lish within the Department a program to be known as the
4 Integrated Border Enforcement Team program (referred
5 to in this section as ‘IBET’).

6 “(b) PURPOSE.—The Secretary shall administer the
7 IBET program in a manner that results in a cooperative
8 approach between the United States and Canada to—

9 “(1) strengthen security between designated
10 ports of entry;

11 “(2) detect, prevent, investigate, and respond to
12 terrorism and violations of law related to border se-
13 curity;

14 “(3) facilitate collaboration among components
15 and offices within the Department and international
16 partners;

1 “(4) execute coordinated activities in further-
2 ance of border security and homeland security; and

3 “(5) enhance information-sharing, including the
4 dissemination of homeland security information
5 among such components and offices.

6 “(c) COMPOSITION AND LOCATION OF IBETs.—

7 “(1) COMPOSITION.—IBETs shall be led by the
8 United States Border Patrol and may be comprised
9 of personnel from the following:

10 “(A) Other subcomponents of U.S. Cus-
11 toms and Border Protection.

12 “(B) U.S. Immigration and Customs En-
13 forcement, led by Homeland Security Investiga-
14 tions.

15 “(C) The Coast Guard.

16 “(D) Other Department personnel, as ap-
17 propriate.

18 “(E) Other Federal departments and agen-
19 cies, as appropriate.

20 “(F) Appropriate State law enforcement
21 agencies.

22 “(G) Foreign law enforcement partners.

23 “(H) Local law enforcement agencies from
24 affected border cities and communities.

1 “(I) Appropriate tribal law enforcement
2 agencies.

3 “(2) LOCATION.—The Secretary is authorized
4 to establish IBETs in regions in which such teams
5 can contribute to IBET missions, as appropriate.
6 When establishing an IBET, the Secretary shall con-
7 sider the following:

8 “(A) Whether the region in which the
9 IBET would be established is significantly im-
10 pacted by cross-border threats.

11 “(B) The availability of Federal, State,
12 local, tribal, and foreign law enforcement re-
13 sources to participate in an IBET.

14 “(C) Whether, in accordance with para-
15 graph (3), other joint cross-border initiatives al-
16 ready take place within the region in which the
17 IBET would be established, including other De-
18 partment cross-border programs such as the In-
19 tegrated Cross-Border Maritime Law Enforce-
20 ment Operation Program established under sec-
21 tion 711 of the Coast Guard and Maritime
22 Transportation Act of 2012 (46 U.S.C. 70101
23 note) or the Border Enforcement Security Task
24 Force established under section 432.

1 “(3) DUPLICATION OF EFFORTS.—In deter-
2 mining whether to establish a new IBET or to ex-
3 pand an existing IBET in a given region, the Sec-
4 retary shall ensure that the IBET under consider-
5 ation does not duplicate the efforts of other existing
6 interagency task forces or centers within such re-
7 gion, including the Integrated Cross-Border Mari-
8 time Law Enforcement Operation Program estab-
9 lished under section 711 of the Coast Guard and
10 Maritime Transportation Act of 2012 (46 USC
11 70101 note) or the Border Enforcement Security
12 Task Force established under section 432.

13 “(d) OPERATION.—After determining the regions in
14 which to establish IBETs, the Secretary may—

15 “(1) direct the assignment of Federal personnel
16 to such IBETs; and

17 “(2) take other actions to assist Federal, State,
18 local, and tribal entities to participate in such
19 IBETs, including providing financial assistance, as
20 appropriate, for operational, administrative, and
21 technological costs associated with such participa-
22 tion.

23 “(e) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall coordinate
24 the IBET program with other similar border security and
25 antiterrorism programs within the Department in accord-

1 ance with the strategic objectives of the Cross-Border Law
2 Enforcement Advisory Committee.

3 “(f) MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING.—The Sec-
4 retary may enter into memoranda of understanding with
5 appropriate representatives of the entities specified in sub-
6 section (c)(1) necessary to carry out the IBET program.

7 “(g) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the
8 date on which an IBET is established and biannually
9 thereafter for the following six years, the Secretary shall
10 submit to the appropriate Congressional Committees, in-
11 cluding the Committee on Homeland Security of the
12 House of Representatives and the Committee on Home-
13 land Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a
14 report that—

15 “(1) describes the effectiveness of IBETs in ful-
16 filling the purposes specified in subsection (b);

17 “(2) assess the impact of certain challenges on
18 the sustainment of cross-border IBET operations,
19 including challenges faced by international partners;

20 “(3) addresses ways to support joint training
21 for IBET stakeholder agencies and radio interoper-
22 ability to allow for secure cross-border radio commu-
23 nications; and

24 “(4) assesses how IBETs, Border Enforcement
25 Security Task Forces, and the Integrated Cross-Bor-

1 der Maritime Law Enforcement Operation Program
2 can better align operations, including interdiction
3 and investigation activities.”.

