

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 3548
OFFERED BY MR. VELA OF TEXAS**

Page 4, strike lines 10 through 16 and insert the following:

1 “(a) IN GENERAL.—

2 “(1) ACTIONS.—Subject to the condition speci-
3 fied in paragraph (2), the Secretary of Homeland
4 Security shall take such actions as may be necessary
5 (including the removal of obstacles to detection of il-
6 legal entrants) to construct, install, deploy, operate,
7 and maintain tactical infrastructure and technology
8 in the vicinity of the United States border to detect,
9 impede, and detect illegal activity in high traffic
10 areas.

11 “(2) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of Home-
12 land Security may not carry out paragraph (1) until
13 such time as—

14 “(A) a legal defense fund is established to
15 provide for use by property owners whose land
16 the Federal Government seeks to condemn or
17 acquire for the purpose of building a border
18 wall system; and

1 “(B) such property owners, including those
2 owners who access legal support through such
3 legal defense fund, receive just compensation as
4 established by judgment at the conclusion of
5 the judicial process under section 3113 of title
6 40, United States Code.”.

Page 85, beginning line 13, insert the following (and
make necessary conforming changes):

7 (2) \$20,000,000 shall be used by the Depart-
8 ment of Homeland Security to establish an eminent
9 domain legal defense fund described in section 111;

