

**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.—Notwithstanding section
12 3114(b) of title 40, United States Code, or any
13 other provision of law, until such time as the Sec-
14 retary of Homeland Security submits to Congress
15 certification that, the property owners whose land,
16 estate, or interest the United States Government
17 seeks to condemn or acquire for the purpose of
18 building a border wall system have received just

1 compensation as established by judgment at the con-
2 clusion of the judicial process under section 3113 of
3 title 40, United States Code, the following prohibi-
4 tions shall apply:

5 “(A) The Government may not take pos-
6 session of or title to the land, estate, or inter-
7 est.

8 “(B) The land, estate, or interest may not
9 be condemned, taken, or vested to the Govern-
10 ment,

11 “(C) The Government may not alter the
12 land, estate, or interest in any way.

13 “(D) The use of the land, estate, or inter-
14 est by the property owner may not be impaired
15 in any way.”.

