

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 7311
OFFERED BY MR. GUEST OF MISSISSIPPI**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Combatting Inter-
3 national Drug Trafficking and Human Smuggling Part-
4 nership Act of 2024”.

**5 SEC. 2. ENHANCING THE OPERATIONS OF U.S. CUSTOMS
6 AND BORDER PROTECTION IN FOREIGN
7 COUNTRIES.**

8 Section 411(f) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
9 (6 U.S.C. 211(f)) is amended—

10 (1) by redesignating paragraph (4) as para-
11 graph (5); and

12 (2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
13 lowing new paragraph:

14 “(4) PERMISSIBLE ACTIVITIES.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Employees of U.S.
16 Customs and Border Protection and other cus-
17 toms officers designated in accordance with the
18 authorities granted to officers and agents of Air

1 and Marine Operations may provide the support
2 described in subparagraph (B) to authorities of
3 the government of a foreign country, including
4 by conducting joint operations with appropriate
5 government officials within the territory of such
6 country, if an arrangement has been entered
7 into between the Government of the United
8 States and the government of such country that
9 permits such support by such employees and of-
10 ficers.

11 “(B) SUPPORT DESCRIBED.—

12 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The support de-
13 scribed in this subparagraph is support for
14 the following:

15 “(I) The monitoring, locating,
16 tracking, and deterrence of the fol-
17 lowing:

18 “(aa) Illegal drugs to the
19 United States.

20 “(bb) The illicit smuggling
21 of persons and goods into the
22 United States.

23 “(cc) Terrorist threats to
24 the United States.

1 “(dd) Other threats to the
2 security or economy of the
3 United States.

4 “(II) Emergency humanitarian
5 efforts.

6 “(III) Law enforcement capacity-
7 building efforts.

8 “(ii) DEFINITION.—In this subpara-
9 graph, the term ‘emergency humanitarian
10 efforts’ means activities carried out by
11 U.S. Customs and Border Protection per-
12 taining to search and rescue activities,
13 medical assistance, air traffic control as-
14 sistance, and transport necessary to ac-
15 complish such purposes.

16 “(C) PAYMENT OF CLAIMS.—

17 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clauses
18 (ii) and (iv), the Secretary may expend
19 funds that have been appropriated or oth-
20 erwise made available for the operating ex-
21 penses of the Department to pay claims for
22 money damages against the United States,
23 in accordance with the first paragraph of
24 section 2672 of title 28, United States
25 Code, which arise in a foreign country in

1 connection with U.S. Customs and Border
2 Protection operations in such country.

3 “(ii) SUBMISSION DEADLINE.—A
4 claim may be allowed under clause (i) only
5 if it is presented not later than 2 years
6 after it accrues.

7 “(iii) REPORT.—Not later than 90
8 days after the date on which the expendi-
9 ture authority under clause (i) expires pur-
10 suant to clause (iv), the Secretary shall
11 submit a report to Congress that describes,
12 for each of the payments made pursuant to
13 clause (i)—

14 “(I) the foreign entity that re-
15 ceived such payment;

16 “(II) the amount paid to such
17 foreign entity;

18 “(III) the country in which such
19 foreign entity resides or has its prin-
20 cipal place of business; and

21 “(IV) a detailed account of the
22 circumstances to justify such pay-
23 ment.

24 “(iv) SUNSET.—The expenditure au-
25 thority under clause (i) shall expire on the

1 date that is 5 years after the date of the
2 enactment of this subparagraph.”.

