

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 3846
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In the proposed section 411, add at the end the following:

1 “(o) DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY BORDER
2 OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established an
4 independent task force, which shall be known as the
5 Department of Homeland Security Border Oversight
6 Task Force (referred to in this section as the ‘DHS
7 Task Force’).

8 “(2) DUTIES.—The DHS Task Force shall—

9 “(A) review and make recommendations
10 regarding immigration and border enforcement
11 policies, strategies, and programs that take into
12 consideration their impacts on border commu-
13 nities;

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

1 other Federal agencies that carry out such poli-
2 cies, strategies, and programs;

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

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

14 “(3) MEMBERSHIP.—

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

22 “(i) 13 members shall be from the
23 northern border region and shall include—

24 “(I) two local government elected
25 officials;

1 “(II) two local law enforcement
2 official;

3 “(III) two civil rights advocates;

4 “(IV) one business representa-
5 tive;

6 “(V) one higher education rep-
7 resentative;

8 “(VI) one representative of a
9 faith community;

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

12 “(VIII) two tribal officials; and

13 “(ii) 17 members shall be from the
14 southern border region and shall include—

15 “(I) three local government elect-
16 ed officials;

17 “(II) three local law enforcement
18 officials;

19 “(III) three civil rights advo-
20 cates;

21 “(IV) two business representa-
22 tives;

23 “(V) one higher education rep-
24 resentative;

1 “(VI) one representative of a
2 faith community;

3 “(VII) two representatives of the
4 Border Patrol; and

5 “(VIII) two tribal officials.

6 “(B) NONGOVERNMENTAL APPOINTEES.—
7 Individuals appointed as members of the DHS
8 Task Force may not be employed by the Fed-
9 eral Government.

10 “(C) TERM OF SERVICE.—Members of the
11 Task Force shall be appointed for the shorter
12 of—

13 “(i) three years; or

14 “(ii) the duration of the DHS Task
15 Force.

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

22 “(4) OPERATIONS.—

23 “(A) INITIAL MEETING.—The DHS Task
24 Force shall hold its first meeting not later than

1 90 days after the date of the enactment of this
2 section.

3 “(B) HEARINGS.—The DHS Task Force
4 may, for the purpose of carrying out its duties,
5 hold hearings, sit and act, take testimony, re-
6 ceive evidence, and administer oaths.

7 “(C) RECOMMENDATIONS.—The DHS
8 Task Force may make findings or recommenda-
9 tions to the Secretary related to the duties de-
10 scribed in paragraph (2).

11 “(D) RESPONSE.—Not later than 180 days
12 after receiving the findings and recommenda-
13 tions from the DHS Task Force under para-
14 graph (2), the Secretary shall issue a response
15 that describes how the Department has ad-
16 dressed, or will address, such findings and rec-
17 ommendations.

18 “(E) INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL AGEN-
19 CIES.—The Chair, or 16 members of the DHS
20 Task Force, may request statistics relating to
21 the duties described in paragraph (2) directly
22 from the head of any Federal agency, who shall,
23 to the extent authorized by law, furnish such
24 information, suggestions, estimates, and statis-
25 tics directly to the DHS Task Force.

1 “(F) COMPENSATION.—Members of the
2 DHS Task Force shall serve without pay, but
3 shall be reimbursed for reasonable travel and
4 subsistence expenses incurred in the perform-
5 ance of their duties.

6 “(5) REPORT.—Not later than two years after
7 its first meeting under paragraph (4)(A), the DHS
8 Task Force shall submit to the President, the appro-
9 priate congressional committees, and the Secretary a
10 final report that contains—

11 “(A) findings with respect to the duties of
12 the DHS Task Force; and

13 “(B) recommendations regarding border
14 and immigration enforcement policies, strate-
15 gies, and programs, including a recommenda-
16 tion as to whether the DHS Task Force should
17 continue to operate.”.

