

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 5346
OFFERED BY MR. DONOVAN OF NEW YORK**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Securing our Agri-
3 culture and Food Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. COORDINATION OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, AND VET-**
5 **ERINARY DEFENSE AGAINST TERRORISM.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title V of the Homeland Security
7 Act of 2002 is amended by inserting after section 526 (6
8 U.S.C. 321o) the following new section:

9 **“SEC. 527. COORDINATION OF DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND**
10 **SECURITY EFFORTS RELATED TO FOOD, AG-**
11 **RICULTURE, AND VETERINARY DEFENSE**
12 **AGAINST TERRORISM.**

13 “(a) PROGRAM REQUIRED.—The Secretary, acting
14 through the Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs shall
15 carry out a program to coordinate the Department’s ef-
16 forts related to defending the food, agriculture, and veteri-
17 nary systems of the United States against terrorism and

1 other high-consequence events that pose a high risk to
2 homeland security.

3 “(b) PROGRAM ELEMENTS.—The coordination pro-
4 gram required by subsection (a) shall include, at a min-
5 imum, the following:

6 “(1) Providing oversight and management of
7 the Department’s responsibilities pursuant to Home-
8 land Security Presidential Directive 9 - Defense of
9 United States Agriculture and Food.

10 “(2) Providing oversight and integration of the
11 Department’s activities related to veterinary public
12 health, food defense, and agricultural security.

13 “(3) Leading the Department’s policy initiatives
14 relating to food, animal, and agricultural incidents,
15 and the impact of such incidents on animal and pub-
16 lic health.

17 “(4) Leading the Department’s policy initiatives
18 relating to overall domestic preparedness for and col-
19 lective response to agricultural terrorism.

20 “(5) Coordinating with appropriate Federal de-
21 partments and agencies.

22 “(6) Other activities as determined necessary
23 by the Secretary.”.

24 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
25 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6

- 1 U.S.C. 101 note) is amended by inserting after the item
- 2 relating to section 525 the following new items:

“Sec. 526. Integrated public alert and warning system modernization.

“Sec. 527. Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Health Affairs coordination of Department efforts related to food, agriculture, and veterinary defense against terrorism.”.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the efforts of the Department of Homeland Security related to food, agriculture, and veterinary defense against terrorism, and for other purposes.”.

