AMENDMENT TO HOMELAND SECURITY
APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MS. PINGREE OF MAINE

At the end of section 535, insert the following:

(XX) $7,000,000 from the unobligated balances available in the “Management Directorate—Office of Biometric Identity Management” account (70 X 0521).

Page 64, after line 11, insert the following new section:

SEC. ___. Notwithstanding the numerical limitation set forth in section 214(g)(1)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(g)(1)(B)), the Secretary of Homeland Security, after consultation with the Secretary of Labor, and upon the determination that the needs of American businesses cannot be satisfied in fiscal year 2022 with United States workers who are willing, qualified, and able to perform temporary nonagricultural labor, shall increase the total number of aliens who may receive a visa under section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(b) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(b)) in such fiscal year above such limitation by not more than the highest number of H–2B nonimmigrants who participated in the H–
2B returning worker program in any fiscal year in which returning workers were exempt from such numerical limitation.