BILL:  H.R. ____, Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act of 2018

AMENDMENT: An amendment offered by Mr. Pallone, No. 2, to make findings and to provide that it is the sense of the Congress that (1) that the Secretary of Health and Human Services should consult with such public health officials to determine whether the separation of children from their parent or guardian as a result of a “zero tolerance” policy is a public health emergency; (2) the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives should hold at least one hearing to examine the current status and welfare of those children who have been separated from their parent or guardian as a result of a “zero tolerance” policy and the long-term implications of such policy on the health of such children; and (3) the Secretary, the Director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement, and the Assistant Secretary of Preparedness and Response should be called as witnesses for such hearing.

DISPOSITION:  NOT AGREED TO, by a roll call vote of 18 nays and 11 yeas