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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 21, 2005

Ms. Slaughter (for herself and Mr. McHugh) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. NORTHERN BORDER COORDINATOR.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title IV of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–296) is amended—

(1) in section 402, by redesignating paragraph (8) as paragraph (9) and by inserting after paragraph (7) the following:

“(8) Increasing the security of the border between the United States and Canada and the ports
of entry located along that border, and improving
the coordination among the agencies responsible for
maintaining that security.”; and

(2) in subtitle C, by adding at the end the fol-
lowing:

“SEC. 431. NORTHERN BORDER COORDINATOR.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—There shall be within the Direc-
torate of Border and Transportation Security the position
of Northern Border Coordinator, who shall be appointed
by the Secretary and who shall report directly to the
Under Secretary for Border and Transportation Security.

“(b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Northern Border Co-
ordinator shall be responsible for—

“(1) increasing the security of the border, in-
cluding ports of entry, between the United States
and Canada;

“(2) improving the coordination among the
agencies responsible for the security described under
paragraph (1);

“(3) serving as the primary liaison with State
and local governments and law enforcement agencies
regarding security along the border between the
United States and Canada; and

“(4) serving as a liaison with the Canadian gov-
ernment on border security.”.
(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 1(b) of such Act is amended in the table of contents by inserting after the item relating to section 430 the following:

“Sec. 431. Northern Border Coordinator.”.