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To authorize additional appropriations for the United States Customs Service for personnel, technology, and infrastructure to expedite the flow of legal commercial and passenger traffic along the Southwest land border, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HINOJOSA (for himself, Mr. FROST, Mr. FILNER, Mr. REYES, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. GONZALEZ, and Mr. PASTOR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR**
2 **UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE FOR EN-**
3 **HANCED ACTIVITIES ALONG THE SOUTH-**
4 **WEST BORDER.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—In order to enhance border inves-
6 tigative resources on the Southwest border, intensify ef-
7 forts against drug smuggling and money laundering orga-
8 nizations, process cargo, reduce commercial and passenger
9 traffic waiting times, and open all primary lanes during
10 peak hours at ports on the Southwest border, there is au-
11 thorized to be appropriated for salaries, expenses, and
12 equipment for the United States Customs Service for pur-
13 poses of carrying out this section—

- 14 (1) \$467,320,000 for fiscal year 2002;
15 (2) \$417,832,000 for fiscal year 2003; and
16 (3) such sums as may be necessary in each fis-
17 cal year thereafter.

18 (b) USE OF CERTAIN FISCAL YEAR 2002 FUNDS.—
19 Of the amount authorized to be appropriated by sub-
20 section (a)(1) for fiscal year 2002, \$158,320,000 shall be
21 available until expended for acquisition and other expenses
22 associated with implementation and full deployment of
23 narcotics enforcement, cargo processing, and
24 counterterrorism technology along the Southwest border,
25 including—

1 (1) \$4,600,000 for 4 mobile truck gamma ray
2 systems;

3 (2) \$26,600,000 for 14 high energy pallet
4 gamma ray systems;

5 (3) \$24,300,000 for 9 higher energy truck x-ray
6 upgrades;

7 (4) \$41,300,000 for contract nonintrusive in-
8 spection equipment operators;

9 (5) \$12,000,000 for nonintrusive inspection
10 technology maintenance;

11 (6) \$800,000 for expansion of Industry Part-
12 nership Programs;

13 (7) \$1,600,000 for canine kennel construction;

14 (8) \$500,000 for replacement of canines;

15 (9) \$1,000,000 for automated targeting systems
16 (narcotics) maintenance;

17 (10) \$2,500,000 for 10 x-ray vans;

18 (11) \$1,500,000 for 15 tool trucks;

19 (12) \$3,500,000 to refurbish and maintain ex-
20 isting x-ray vans and tool trucks;

21 (13) \$600,000 for 50 contraband detection kits;

22 (14) \$1,000,000 for 20 remote watch surveil-
23 lance camera systems;

24 (15) \$1,000,000 for 40 counterspotter surveil-
25 lance systems;

1 (16) \$2,500,000 for 10 truck license plate read-
2 er systems;

3 (17) \$1,600,000 for 40 narcotics particle detec-
4 tors;

5 (18) \$14,800,000 for 29 land border vehicle
6 targeting systems;

7 (19) \$3,000,000 for 250 under vehicle inspec-
8 tion systems;

9 (20) \$1,500,000 for 5 outbound passenger fa-
10 cilities and canopies;

11 (21) \$1,500,000 for 300 work station replace-
12 ments;

13 (22) \$3,500,000 for 126 lane installations of
14 Customs Automated Operations System;

15 (23) \$5,800,000 for 175 explosive vapor trace
16 detectors;

17 (24) \$420,000 for 300 radiation pager detec-
18 tors;

19 (25) \$720,000 for 90 radiation identification
20 devices; and

21 (26) \$180,000 for radiation and explosive de-
22 tection training.

23 (c) USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS IN FISCAL YEARS
24 AFTER FISCAL YEAR 2002.—Of the amount authorized
25 to be appropriated by paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection

1 (a) for fiscal year 2003 and each fiscal year thereafter,
2 \$15,832,000 shall be available in each such fiscal year for
3 the maintenance and support of the equipment and train-
4 ing of personnel to maintain and support the equipment
5 described in subsection (b), based on an estimate of 10
6 percent of the cost of such equipment.

7 (d) NEW TECHNOLOGIES; USE OF FUNDS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commissioner of Cus-
9 toms may use the amounts authorized to be appro-
10 priated for equipment under this section for equip-
11 ment other than the equipment specified in sub-
12 section (b) if such other equipment—

13 (A)(i) is technologically superior to the
14 equipment specified in subsection (b); and

15 (ii) will achieve at least the same results at
16 a cost that is the same or less than the equip-
17 ment specified in subsection (b); or

18 (B) can be obtained at a lower cost than
19 the equipment authorized in paragraphs (1)
20 through (26) of subsection (b).

21 (2) TRANSFER OF FUNDS.—Notwithstanding
22 any other provision of this section, the Commissioner
23 of Customs may reallocate an amount not to exceed
24 10 percent of the amount specified in any of para-
25 graphs (1) through (26) of subsection (b) for equip-

1 ment specified in any other of such paragraphs (1)
2 through (26).

3 (e) PEAK HOURS AND INVESTIGATIVE RESOURCE
4 ENHANCEMENT.—Of the amounts authorized to be appro-
5 priated by subsection (a), \$79,000,000 in fiscal year 2002
6 and \$172,000,000 in fiscal year 2003 shall be available
7 for—

8 (1) in each of fiscal years 2002 and 2003, a net
9 increase of 419 inspectors, 90 special agents, 88 ca-
10 nine enforcement officers, and 280 general support
11 positions for the Southwest border, in order to re-
12 duce waiting times at points of entry to no more
13 than 20 minutes and intensify efforts against drug
14 smuggling and money laundering organizations; and

15 (2) the costs incurred as a result of the increase
16 in personnel hired pursuant to this section.

17 (f) PORTS OF ENTRY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVE-
18 MENT.—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated by
19 subsection (a), \$230,000,000 in fiscal year 2002 and
20 \$230,000,000 in fiscal year 2003 shall be available for
21 construction, improvement, and expansion of Customs
22 Service facilities at ports of entry on the Southwest Bor-
23 der.

24 (g) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS OF
25 APPROPRIATIONS.—Amounts authorized to be appro-

1 priated for the United States Customs Service by sub-
2 section (a) are in addition to any other amounts author-
3 ized to be appropriated for the United States Customs
4 Service by law.

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