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# S. 2384

To establish a joint United States-Canada customs inspection pilot project.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 29, 2002

Mr. LEVIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred  
to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

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pilot project.

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

3       **SECTION 1. PILOT PROJECT FOR JOINT UNITED STATES-**  
4       **CANADA CUSTOMS INSPECTION.**

5       (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-  
6       ings:

7               (1) The increased security and safety concerns  
8       that developed in the aftermath of the terrorist at-  
9       tacks in the United States on September 11, 2001,  
10      need to be addressed.

1           (2) One concern that has come to light is the  
2           vulnerability of the international bridges and tunnels  
3           along the United States-Canada Border.

4           (3) It is necessary to ensure that potentially  
5           dangerous vehicles are inspected prior to crossing  
6           those bridges and tunnels, however, currently, these  
7           vehicles are not inspected until after they have  
8           crossed into the United States.

9           (4) Establishing a joint inspection site would  
10          address these concerns by inspecting vehicles before  
11          they gained access to the infrastructure of inter-  
12          national bridges and tunnels leading into the United  
13          States.

14          (b) JOINT PILOT PROGRAM.—

15               (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commissioner of Cus-  
16               toms, in consultation and partnership with the Ca-  
17               nadian Customs Service, shall seek to establish a  
18               pilot program to provide for joint inspection of vehi-  
19               cles at the United States-Canada Border.

20               (2) LOCATION.—The Commissioner shall locate  
21               the pilot program at a bridge or tunnel on the  
22               Northern Border that has high traffic volume, sig-  
23               nificant commercial activity, and has experienced  
24               backups and delays since September 11, 2001.

1           (3) PILOT EVALUATION REPORT.—The Com-  
 2           missioner shall prepare and submit a report evalu-  
 3           ating the pilot program to the appropriate commit-  
 4           tees by September 30, 2003.

5           (4) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term  
 6           “appropriate committees” means the Committee on  
 7           Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on  
 8           Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

9           (c) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—

10          (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the pilot  
 11          program, the Commissioner—

12               (A) shall seek to involve the utilization of  
 13               joint customs inspection facilities, inspection  
 14               and commercial transaction technologies, and  
 15               personnel, consistent with the agreements that  
 16               are developed and implemented between the  
 17               United States Customs Service and the Cana-  
 18               dian Customs Service; and

19               (B) shall ensure that the program is car-  
 20               ried out with special sensitivity to sovereignty  
 21               issues affecting both countries and is consistent  
 22               with Canadian laws and customs.

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