111TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H.R.3192

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

July 13, 2009

Mr. Larsen of Washington (for himself, Mr. Herger, Mr. Crowley, and Mr. Brady of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Asia-Pacific Economic
- 5 Cooperation Business Travel Cards Act of 2009".

1 SEC. 2. ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION BUSINESS

- 2 TRAVEL CARDS.
- 3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 1, 2010,
- 4 the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with
- 5 the Secretary of State, shall establish a program called
- 6 the "APEC Business Travel Program" to issue Asia-Pa-
- 7 cific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards
- 8 (ABTC) to eligible United States citizen business leaders
- 9 and senior United States Government officials actively en-
- 10 gaged in Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) busi-
- 11 ness.
- 12 (b) Integration With Existing Travel Pro-
- 13 GRAMS.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall inte-
- 14 grate application procedures for and issuance of ABTC
- 15 with other appropriate international registered traveler
- 16 programs of the Department of Homeland Security, such
- 17 as Global Entry, NEXUS, and SENTRI.
- 18 (c) Cooperation With Private Entities.—In
- 19 carrying out this section, the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
- 20 rity shall work in conjunction with appropriate private sec-
- 21 tor entities to ensure that applicants for ABTC satisfy
- 22 ABTC requirements. The Secretary of Homeland Security
- 23 may utilize such entities to enroll and issue ABTC to
- 24 qualified applicants.
- 25 (d) Fee.—

- 1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland 2 Security may impose a fee for the issuance of 3 ABTC, and may modify such fee from time to time 4 as the Secretary determines appropriate.
 - (2) LIMITATION.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall ensure that the total amount of any fees imposed under paragraph (1) in any fiscal year does not exceed the costs associated with carrying out this section in such fiscal year.
 - (3) CREDITING TO APPROPRIATE ACCOUNT.—
 Fees collected under paragraph (1) shall be credited to the appropriate account of the Department of Homeland Security and are authorized to remain available until expended.

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