

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3236

To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to complete at least 700 miles of reinforced fencing along the Southwest border by December 31, 2010, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 16, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina 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 “Complete the Fence
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF REINFORCED FENCING ALONG**
2 **SOUTHWEST BORDER.**

3 Section 102(b)(1) of the Illegal Immigration Reform
4 and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1103
5 note) is amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (A), by adding at the end
7 the following new sentence: “Fencing that does not
8 effectively restrain pedestrian traffic (such as vehicle
9 barriers and virtual fencing) may not be used to
10 meet the 700-mile fence requirement under this sub-
11 paragraph.”;

12 (2) in subparagraph (B)—

13 (A) in clause (i), by striking “and” at the
14 end;

15 (B) in clause (ii), by striking the period at
16 the end and inserting “; and”; and

17 (C) by adding at the end the following new
18 clause:

19 “(iii) not later than December 31,
20 2010, complete the construction of all the
21 reinforced fencing and the installation of
22 the related equipment described in sub-
23 paragraph (A).”; and

24 (3) in subparagraph (C), by adding at the end
25 the following:

1 “(iii) FUNDING NOT CONTINGENT ON
2 CONSULTATION.—Amounts appropriated to
3 carry out this paragraph may not be im-
4 pounded or otherwise withheld for failure
5 to fully comply with the consultation re-
6 quirement under clause (i).”.

7 **SEC. 3. PROGRESS REPORT.**

8 Not later than December 31, 2009, the Secretary of
9 Homeland Security shall submit a report to Congress that
10 describes—

11 (1) the progress made in completing the rein-
12 forced fencing required under section 102(b)(1) of
13 the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Re-
14 sponsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1103 note), as
15 amended by this Act; and

16 (2) the plans for completing such fencing before
17 December 31, 2010.

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