

**SUBSTITUTE FOR THE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5515****OFFERED BY Mr. Byrne**

At the appropriate place in title X, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 10\_\_\_. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE INTER-**  
2 **NATIONAL BORDERS OF THE UNITED STATES.**

3 It is the sense of Congress that—

4 (1) gaining and maintaining situational aware-  
5 ness and operational control of the international bor-  
6 ders of the United States is critical to national secu-  
7 rity;

8 (2) the United States Government must devote  
9 adequate resources to securing the border, both at,  
10 and between, ports of entry, and the agency tasked  
11 with that mission, the Department of Homeland Se-  
12 curity, should be adequately resourced to conduct  
13 such mission; and

14 (3) the Department of Defense must ensure  
15 that when it acts in support of that mission, such  
16 as when mobilized by the President to conduct  
17 homeland defense activities, or when military facili-  
18 ties are adjacent to an international border of the  
19 United States, it has adequate resources, capabili-

- 1 ties, and authorities to carry out the mission while
- 2 maintaining combat readiness.

