

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5230
OFFERED BY MR. CASTRO OF TEXAS

Page 32, insert after line 10 (and conform the table
of contents accordingly):

1 SEC. 107. AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT DONATIONS.

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
3 sion of law, U.S. Customs and Border Protection is au-
4 thorized to accept donations, including donations of cloth-
5 ing, food, and toiletries, from individuals and entities, in-
6 cluding from small businesses, nonprofit organizations,
7 and educational entities, to address the influx of unaccom-
8 panied alien children (as such term is defined in section
9 462 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C.
10 279)) along the southwest border of the United States.

11 (b) CRITERIA.—The Commissioner of U.S. Customs
12 and Border Protection shall establish criteria for the ac-
13 ceptance of donations under subsection (a).

14 (c) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Commissioner of
15 U.S. Customs and Border Protection shall make publically
16 available a detailed inventory of donations accepted under
17 subsection (a).

1 (d) SUNSET.—This Act shall terminate on the date
2 that is two years after the date of the enactment of this
3 Act.

4 **SEC. 108. LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR UNACCOMPANIED ALIEN**
5 **CHILDREN.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
7 Human Services, in coordination with the Secretary of
8 Homeland Security and the Director of the Office of Ref-
9 ugee Resettlement, shall designate a Director of Legal
10 Services for Unaccompanied Alien Children (in this sec-
11 tion referred to as the “Director”) who shall be charged
12 with leading and coordinating legal representation for
13 such unaccompanied alien children.

14 (b) DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR.—The Director shall
15 facilitate and coordinate with Federal, state and local gov-
16 ernments and community-based legal assistance programs,
17 including—

18 (1) Department of Health and Human Services,
19 Office of Refugee Resettlement;

20 (2) Department of Justice partnership with
21 Americorps;

22 (3) organizations that provide immigration legal
23 services; and

1 (4) community-based programs including local
2 church-based programs, local legal advocates and
3 volunteers.

4 (c) LEGAL SERVICES CLEARINGHOUSE.—The Direc-
5 tor shall coordinate with the groups referred to in sub-
6 section (b) and create a legal services clearinghouse which
7 will serve a central site for collecting and processing legal
8 services for such unaccompanied alien children for all
9 UAC cases to be processed. The clearinghouse shall be
10 made publically available and provide the following infor-
11 mation:

12 (1) All legal representation options for unac-
13 panied alien children.

14 (2) Guidance for groups or individuals who
15 want to volunteer in legal services for unaccom-
16 panied alien children.

Page 21, line 9, insert after “subsection (f).” the following: “Any application for asylum by such unaccompanied alien child shall be provided to the applicant in the native language of the applicant’s country of origin, and may be completed in such language.”.

