

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 467, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY M____. _____

Redesignate sections 2 through 6 as sections 101 through 105, respectively.

Insert before section 101, as redesignated, the following:

1 **TITLE I—HALT FENTANYL**

On page 19, lines 6, 7, and 24, page 20, line 1, and page 21, lines 4, 5, 7, and 11, strike “this Act” each place it appears and insert “this title”.

At the end of the bill, add the following:

2 **TITLE II—JOINT TASK FORCE TO**
3 **COMBAT OPIOID TRAFFICKING**

4 **SEC. 201. AUTHORIZATION OF JOINT TASK FORCE TO**
5 **COUNTER OPIOIDS.**

6 Subsection (b) of section 708 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 348) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (2)(A), by adding at the end
9 the following new clause:

10 “(iv) Enhancing the integration of the
11 Department’s border security operations to

1 detect, interdict, disrupt, and prevent nar-
2 cotics, such as fentanyl and other synthetic
3 opioids, from entering the United States.”;

4 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (9) through
5 (13) as paragraphs (11) through (15), respectively;
6 and

7 (3) by inserting after paragraph (8) the fol-
8 lowing new paragraphs:

9 “(9) ENGAGEMENT WITH THE PRIVATE SEC-
10 TOR.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Director of a
12 Joint Task Force may engage with representa-
13 tives from a private sector organization for the
14 purpose of carrying out the mission of such
15 Joint Task Force, and any such engagement
16 shall not be subject to the Federal Advisory
17 Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.).

18 “(B) ASSISTANCE FROM PRIVATE SEC-
19 TOR.—

20 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding
21 subsection (b)(1), the Secretary, with the
22 agreement of a private sector organization,
23 may arrange for the temporary assignment
24 of an employee of such organization to a

1 Joint Task Force in accordance with this
2 paragraph.

3 “(ii) AGREEMENT.—The Secretary
4 shall provide for a written agreement be-
5 tween the Department, the private sector
6 organization concerned, and the employee
7 concerned regarding the terms and condi-
8 tions of the assignment of such employee
9 under this paragraph.

10 “(C) NO FINANCIAL LIABILITY.—Any
11 agreement under this paragraph shall require
12 the private sector organization concerned to be
13 responsible for all costs associated with the as-
14 signment of an employee under this paragraph.

15 “(D) DURATION.—An assignment under
16 this paragraph may, at any time and for any
17 reason, be terminated by the Secretary or the
18 private sector organization concerned and shall
19 be for a total period of not more than 2 years.

20 “(10) COLLABORATION WITH TASK FORCES
21 OUTSIDE DHS.—The Secretary may enter into a
22 memorandum of understanding by which a Joint
23 Task Force established under this section to carry
24 out any purpose specified in paragraph (2)(A) and
25 any other Federal, State, local, Tribal, territorial, or

1 international entity or task force established for a
2 similar purpose may collaborate for the purpose of
3 carrying out the mission of such Joint Task Force.”.

4 **SEC. 202. NOTIFICATION; REPORTING.**

5 (a) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 90 days after the
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-
7 land Security shall—

8 (1) make a determination regarding whether to
9 establish a Joint Task Force under section 708 of
10 the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to carry out the
11 purpose specified in clause (iv) of subsection
12 (b)(2)(A) of such section, as added by section 201;
13 and

14 (2) submit to the Committee on Homeland Se-
15 curity of the House of Representatives and the Com-
16 mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Af-
17 fairs of the Senate written notification of such deter-
18 mination, including, if such determination is in the
19 negative, information on the basis for such negative
20 determination.

21 (b) REPORTING.—If the Secretary of Homeland Se-
22 curity establishes a Joint Task Force under section 708
23 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to carry out the
24 purpose specified in clause (iv) of subsection (b)(2)(A) of

1 such section, as added by section 201, the Secretary
2 shall—

3 (1) beginning with the first report required
4 under subsection (b)(6)(F) of such section 708, in-
5 clude with respect to such a Joint Task Force—

6 (A) a gap analysis of funding, personnel,
7 technology, or other resources needed in order
8 to detect, interdict, disrupt, and prevent nar-
9 cotics, such as fentanyl and other synthetic
10 opioids, from entering the United States; and

11 (B) a description of collaboration pursuant
12 to subsection (b)(10) of such section (as added
13 by section 201) between such a Joint Task
14 Force and any other Federal, State, local, Trib-
15 al, territorial, or international task force, in-
16 cluding the United States Postal Service and
17 the United States Postal Inspection Service;
18 and

19 (2) in each review required under subsection
20 (b)(11)(C) of section 708 of the Homeland Security
21 Act of 2002, as redesignated by section 201, an as-
22 sessment of the activities of such a Joint Task
23 Force, including an evaluation of whether such Joint
24 Task Force has enhanced integration of the Depart-
25 ment's efforts, created any unique capabilities, or

1 otherwise enhanced operational effectiveness, coordi-
2 nation, or information sharing to detect, interdict,
3 disrupt, and prevent narcotics, such as fentanyl and
4 other synthetic opioids, from entering the United
5 States.

