

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-

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OFFERED BY MR. HURD OF TEXAS

At the end of division A (before the short title), insert the following:

1 SEC. _____. None of the funds made available by this
2 Act may be used to plan, develop, or construct any phys-
3 ical barriers, including walls or fences, along the United
4 States-Mexico border until the Secretary of Homeland Se-
5 curity submits a comprehensive border security strategy
6 to the Committee on Homeland Security and the Com-
7 mittee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives
8 and the Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-
9 mental Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations of
10 the Senate. The strategy shall include the following:

11 (1) An exhaustive list of known physical bar-
12 riers, technologies, tools, and other devices that can
13 be used to achieve and maintain operational control
14 (as such term is defined in section 2(b) of the Se-
15 cure Fence Act of 2006 (8 U.S.C.1701 note; Public
16 Law 109-367)) along the United States-Mexico bor-
17 der.

1 (2) A per mile cost estimate for each physical
2 barrier, technology, tool, and other device included
3 on the exhaustive listed required under paragraph
4 (1).

5 (3) A detailed account of which type of physical
6 barrier, technology, tool, or other device will be used
7 to achieve and maintain operational control for each
8 linear mile of the United States-Mexico border.

9 (4) An explanation for why such physical bar-
10 rier, technology, tool, or other device was chosen to
11 achieve and maintain operational control for each
12 linear mile of the United States-Mexico border, in-
13 cluding the following:

14 (A) The methodology used to determine
15 which type of physical barrier, technology, tool,
16 or other device was chosen for such linear mile.

17 (B) An examination of existing manmade
18 and natural barriers for each linear mile of the
19 United States-Mexico border.

20 (C) The information collected and evalu-
21 ated from the following persons or entities:

22 (i) The appropriate U.S. Customs and
23 Border Protection Sector Chief.

24 (ii) The Joint Task Force com-
25 mander.

1 (iii) The appropriate state Governor.

2 (iv) Local law enforcement officials.

3 (v) Private property owners.

4 (vi) Other affected stakeholders.

5 (5) A per mile cost estimate for each linear mile
6 of the United States-Mexico border given the type of
7 physical barrier, technology, tool, or other device
8 chosen to achieve and maintain operational control
9 for each linear mile.

10 (6) A cost justification for each time a more ex-
11 pensive physical barrier, technology, tool, or other
12 device is chosen over a less expensive option, as es-
13 tablished by the per mile cost estimates required in
14 paragraph (2).

