

**AMENDMENT TO HOMELAND SECURITY**  
**APPROPRIATIONS BILL**  
**OFFERED BY MR. CUELLAR OF TEXAS**

Page 7, line 13, strike the dollar amount and all that follows through line 14 and insert “\$5,000,000,000 shall be for high-priority border security items, including the fulfillment of DHS facility deferred maintenance backlogs, recapitalization critical U.S. Customs and Border Patrol facilities portfolio, modernization of top priority land ports of entry, infrastructure security and resilience projects, acquisition of advanced inspection technology and U.S. Border Patrol vehicles, removal of Carrizo cane along the Rio Grande River, maintenance and construction of new border access roads, and to increase U.S. Customs and Border Patrol officers’ salaries to reduce attrition.”.

At the end of the bill (before the spending reduction account), insert the following:

1       SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. (a) The Secretary of Homeland Security,  
2 with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, is author-  
3 ized to enter into an agreement with the Government of  
4 Mexico to receive from such Government funds that the

1 Secretary of Homeland Security may obligate and expend  
2 for the construction of a physical border wall along the  
3 international border between the United States and Mex-  
4 ico.

5 (b) Amounts received pursuant to such agreement  
6 may only be expended on such wall in a manner that does  
7 not—

8 (1) involve any construction occurring in the  
9 Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park and National  
10 Butterfly Center;

11 (2) require taking physical possession of any  
12 condemned property before the landowner is justly  
13 compensated or any related legal proceedings are  
14 concluded;

15 (3) result in the transfer or relinquishment of  
16 United States claims to any water or land resource  
17 to the benefit of Mexico; or

18 (4) leave any American citizen currently resid-  
19 ing in the United States, or the real property of  
20 such citizen, on the Mexican side of such wall.

21 (c) The Secretary may not obligate or expend any  
22 funds obtained pursuant to the authority under subsection  
23 (a) until the date on which the Secretary establishes a  
24 mechanism to ensure that private property owners have  
25 adequate legal representation in proceedings relating to

- 1 any land belonging to such owners that is condemned for
- 2 the construction of such wall.

