

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To encourage the creation of a Southwest Border Joint Task Force under section 708(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—117th Cong., 2d Sess.**

**S. 4656**

To reauthorize and amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to create stronger accountability mechanisms for Joint Task Forces.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and  
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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. PORTMAN

Viz:

1 On page 1, line 6, strike “**SEC. 2**” and insert the  
2 following:

3 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF THE SENATE.**

4 It is the sense of the Senate that the Department  
5 of Homeland Security should consider using the authority  
6 under section 708(b) of the Homeland Security Act of  
7 2002 (6 U.S.C. 348(b)) to create a Joint Task Force de-  
8 scribed in such subsection to improve the coordination and  
9 response to the number of encounters and amount of sei-  
10 zures of illicit narcotics along the southwest border.

11 **SEC. 3.**