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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a biennial survey of tactical infrastructure along the southern border, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Furthering American
5 Security by Tempering Environmental Regulations Act”
6 or the “FASTER Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. BIENNIAL SURVEY OF TACTICAL INFRASTRUCTURE**
2 **ALONG THE SOUTHERN BORDER.**

3 (a) BIENNIAL SURVEYS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act and bien-
6 nially thereafter, the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
7 rity shall conduct a survey of existing tactical infra-
8 structure along the southern border. Each such sur-
9 vey shall include the following:

10 (A) A measurement of the number of miles
11 of the southern border that are without tactical
12 infrastructure.

13 (B) A description of any deficiencies in the
14 structure of existing tactical infrastructure
15 along the southern border.

16 (C) A description of any deficiencies in
17 technology along the southern border.

18 (2) REPORTS.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days
20 after the conclusion of each survey under para-
21 graph (1), the Secretary of Homeland Security
22 shall submit to the Committee on Homeland
23 Security of the House of Representatives and
24 the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-
25 ernmental Affairs of the Senate a report con-
26 taining the findings and results of such survey.

1 (B) FORM.—Each report under subpara-
2 graph (A) shall be submitted in unclassified for-
3 mat but may include a classified annex if the
4 Secretary of Homeland Security determines
5 such is appropriate.

6 (b) IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN AUTHORITY.—If
7 the Secretary of Homeland Security determines, pursuant
8 to a survey under subsection (a), that there is a deficiency
9 described paragraph (1) of such subsection, the Secretary
10 shall take such actions as may be necessary, including ex-
11 ercising the authority provided pursuant to paragraph (1)
12 of section 102(c) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and
13 Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1103
14 note), to waive all legal requirements to correct in an expe-
15 dited manner such a deficiency.

16 (c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “defi-
17 ciency”, when used with respect to tactical infrastructure
18 or technology, means that any such tactical infrastructure
19 or technology, as the case may be—

20 (1) is not operational; or

21 (2) cannot serve the intended function or pur-
22 pose as a result of—

23 (A) damage;

24 (B) deterioration; or

25 (C) unmet maintenance or repair.