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**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1817**  
**OFFERED BY MR. KENNEDY OF MINNESOTA**

Page 79, after line 6, insert the following (and amend the table of contents accordingly):

1 **SEC. 509. BORDER SURVEILLANCE.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months after the  
3 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland  
4 Security shall submit to the President and the appropriate  
5 committees of Congress a comprehensive plan for the sys-  
6 tematic surveillance of the northern border of the United  
7 States by remotely piloted aircraft.

8 (b) CONTENTS.—The plan submitted under sub-  
9 section (a) shall include—

10 (1) recommendations for establishing command  
11 and control centers, operations sites, infrastructure,  
12 maintenance, and procurement;

13 (2) cost estimates for the implementation of the  
14 plan and ongoing operations;

15 (3) recommendations for the appropriate agent  
16 within the Department of Homeland Security to be  
17 the executive agency for remotely piloted aircraft op-  
18 erations;



1 (4) the number of remotely piloted aircraft re-  
2 quired for the plan;

3 (5) the types of missions the plan would under-  
4 take, including—

5 (A) protecting the lives of people seeking  
6 illegal entry into the United States;

7 (B) interdicting illegal movement of people,  
8 weapons, and other contraband across the bor-  
9 der;

10 (C) providing investigative support to as-  
11 sist in the dismantling of smuggling and crimi-  
12 nal networks along the border;

13 (D) using remotely piloted aircraft to serve  
14 as platforms for the collection of intelligence  
15 against smugglers and criminal networks along  
16 the border; and

17 (E) further validating and testing of re-  
18 motely piloted aircraft for airspace security mis-  
19 sions;

20 (6) the equipment necessary to carry out the  
21 plan; and

22 (7) a recommendation regarding whether to ex-  
23 pand the pilot program along the entire northern  
24 border.



1 (c) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of Homeland  
2 Security shall implement the plan submitted under sub-  
3 section (a) as a pilot program as soon as sufficient funds  
4 are appropriated and available for this purpose.

5 ~~(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There~~  
6 ~~are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be~~  
7 ~~necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.~~

8 **SEC. 510. ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY NORTHER BORDER SE-**  
9 **CURITY PILOT PROGRAM.**

10 Section 5101 of the Intelligence Reform and Ter-  
11 rorism Prevention Act of 2004 (8 U.S.C. 1712 note) is  
12 amended by striking “The Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
13 rity may carry out” and inserting “To the extent funds  
14 are provided in advance in appropriations Acts, the Sec-  
15 retary of Homeland Security shall carry out”.

