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S. 301

To authorize the appropriation of \$10,000,000,000 to the Department of Defense for military support to secure the borders of the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 29, 2025

Mr. BANKS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Border Security is Na-
5 tional Security Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 It is the sense of Congress that the President has
8 the authority under the Constitution of the United States,
9 relevant Federal laws, including chapter 15 of title 10,
10 United States Code, and the appropriations Acts providing

1 funding for the Department of Defense, to direct the mili-
2 tary to secure the borders of the United States.

3 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appro-
5 priated to the Department of Defense, in addition to any
6 amounts otherwise authorized to be appropriated for such
7 purpose, \$10,000,000,000, to remain available until Sep-
8 tember 30, 2028, for Department of Defense border secu-
9 rity support to the Department of Homeland Security.

10 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts appropriated pursu-
11 ant to subsection (a) may be used for—

12 (1) military personnel costs;

13 (2) procurement, operation, and maintenance of
14 surveillance systems, including autonomous surveil-
15 lance towers;

16 (3) intelligence analysis;

17 (4) installation of fences, barriers, patrol roads,
18 and lighting;

19 (5) military aviation costs, including airlifting
20 individuals in support of Department of Homeland
21 Security operations;

22 (6) procurement and operation of counter-UAS
23 systems in support of Department of Homeland Se-
24 curity operations;

- 1 (7) procurement of ground vehicles, including
2 high mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicles; and
3 (8) training and related expenses.

4 **SEC. 4. TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense may
6 transfer amounts appropriated pursuant to section 3(a)
7 for military personnel, operations, maintenance, and pro-
8 curement for the same purposes as the appropriation or
9 fund to which such amounts are transferred. The transfer
10 authority under this subsection is in addition to any other
11 transfer authority available to the Department of Defense.

12 (b) TRANSFERS BACK.—Upon determining that all
13 or part of the amounts transferred pursuant to subsection
14 (a) are not necessary for the purposes for which they were
15 transferred, such amounts may be reallocated for the same
16 purposes until September 30, 2028.

17 (c) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—Not later than
18 45 days after making a transfer pursuant to subsection
19 (a), the Secretary of Defense shall notify the congressional
20 defense committees in writing of any such transfer.

21 **SEC. 5. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

22 Nothing in this Act may be construed to limit the
23 President’s authority under the Constitution of the United
24 States as the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces.

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