AMENDMENT NO._______   Calendar No.______

Purpose: To require that a Joint Resolution of Approval of the Comprehensive Southern Border Security Strategy and Southern Border Fencing Strategy be enacted into law before the processing of applications for registered provisional immigrant status.

IN THE

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By Coburn

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN

Viz: HIMSELF, AND MR. JOHNSON OF WISCONSIN

1. Beginning on page 855, strike line 24 and all that follows through page 856, line 9, and insert the following:

   (1) PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTERED PROVISIONAL IMMIGRANT STATUS.—The Secretary may not commence processing applications for registered provisional immigrant status pursuant to section 245B of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by section 2101 of this Act, unless, during the first 120-calendar day period of continuous session of Congress after the receipt of the
submissions required by paragraph (2), Congress
passes a Joint Resolution of Approval of the Com-
prehensive Southern Border Security Strategy and
the Southern Border Fencing Strategy in accordance
with this subsection, and such Joint Resolution is
enacted into law.

(2) Submission of Comprehensive Southern
Border Security Strategy and the Southern
Border Fencing Strategy.—Not later than
6 months after the date of the enactment of this
Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress and the
Comptroller General, and make the available to the
public through a website of the Department—

(A) the Comprehensive Southern Border
Security Strategy;

(B) the Southern Border Fencing Strat-
ey; and

(C)(i) an assessment of the laws the Sec-
etary is required to enforce under the Immig-
ration and Nationality Act and other immigra-
tion laws;

(ii) the progress of the Secretary in imple-
menting such laws; and

(iii) a plan for required additional enforce-
ment of such laws.
(3) **GAO REVIEW.**—Not later than 90 days after the date of the submissions under paragraph (2), the Comptroller General shall submit to Congress a report analyzing the submission made under paragraph (2).

(4) **CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW.**—Congress shall seek the input of the American people on the Comprehensive Southern Border Security Strategy and the Southern Border Fencing Strategy and hold any hearings Congress determines are necessary for reviewing such Strategies.

(5) **JOINT RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL.**—

(A) **Resolution of Approval.**—In this paragraph, the term “Resolution of Approval” means a Joint Resolution of the Congress entitled “Joint Resolution Approving the Comprehensive Southern Border Security Strategy and the Southern Border Fencing Strategy”, the sole matter after the resolving clause of which is as follows:

“That Congress approves the Comprehensive Southern Border Security Strategy and the Southern Border Fencing Strategy submitted to Congress on ________, in accordance with the provisions of the Border Security, Economic
Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act.”.

(B) PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO THE SENATE.—

(i) RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.—The provisions under this subparagraph are enacted by Congress—

(I) as an exercise of the rule-making power of the Senate, and as such they are deemed a part of the rules of the Senate, but applicable only with respect to the procedure to be followed in the Senate in the case of a Resolution of Approval, and such provisions supersede other rules of the Senate only to the extent that they are inconsistent with such other rules; and

(II) with full recognition of the constitutional right of the Senate to change the rules (so far as relating to the procedure of the Senate) at any time, in the same manner, and to the same extent as in the case of any other rule of the Senate.
(ii) **INTRODUCTION; REFERRAL.**—

(I) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than the third day on which the Senate is in session following the day on which the submissions required by paragraph (2) are received by the Congress, a Resolution of Approval shall be introduced (by request) in the Senate by either the Majority Leader or Minority Leader. If the Resolution of Approval is not introduced as provided in the preceding sentence, any Senator may introduce a Resolution of Approval on the fourth day on which the Senate is in session after the date of the receipt of the submissions required by paragraph (2).

(II) **REFERRAL.**—Upon introduction, the Resolution of Approval shall be referred jointly to each of the committees having jurisdiction over the subject matter in the submissions required by paragraph (2) by the President of the Senate. Upon the expiration of 60 days of continuous session
after the introduction of the Resolution of Approval, each committee to which the Resolution of Approval was referred shall make its recommendations to the Senate.

(III) DISCHARGE.—If any committee to which a Resolution of Approval is referred has not reported the Resolution of Approval at the end of 60 days of continuous session of the Congress after introduction of the Resolution of Approval, such committee shall be discharged from further consideration of the Resolution of Approval, and the Resolution of Approval shall be placed on the legislative calendar of the Senate. (iii) CONSIDERATION.—

(I) IN GENERAL.—When each committee to which a Resolution of Approval has been referred has reported, or has been discharged from further consideration of, the Resolution of Approval it shall at any time thereafter be in order (even though a
previous motion to the same effect has
been disagreed to) for any Member of
the Senate to move to proceed to the
consideration of the Resolution of Ap-
proval. Such motion shall not be de-
bratable. If a motion to proceed to the
consideration of the Resolution of Ap-
proval is agreed to, the Resolution of
Approval shall remain the unfinished
business of the Senate until the dis-
position of the Resolution of Approval.

(II) DEBATE.—Debate on the
Resolution of Approval, and on all de-
bratable motions and appeals in con-
nection with the Resolution of Ap-
proval, shall be limited to not more
than 30 hours, which shall be divided
equally between Members favoring
and Members opposing the Resolution
of Approval. A motion to further limit
debate shall be in order and shall not
be debatable. The Resolution of Ap-
proval shall not be subject to amend-
ment, to a motion to postpone, or to
a motion to proceed to the consider-
ation of other business. A motion to recommit the Resolution of Approval shall not be in order.

(III) **Final Vote.**—Immediately following the conclusion of the debate on the Resolution of Approval, and a single quorum call at the conclusion of such debate if requested in accordance with the rules of the Senate, the vote on the Resolution of Approval shall occur.

(IV) **Appeals.**—Appeals from the decisions of the Chair relating to the application of the rules of the Senate to the procedure relating to the Resolution of Approval shall be limited to 1 hour of debate.

(iv) **Receipt of a Resolution from the House.**—If the Senate receives from the House of Representatives a Resolution of Approval, the following procedures shall apply:

(I) A Resolution of Approval of the House of Representatives received in the Senate shall not be referred to
a committee and shall be placed on
the Senate calendar, except that it
shall not be in order to consider the
Resolution of Approval received from
the House of Representatives until
such time as each committee to which
the Resolution of Approval introduced
in the Senate was referred under
clause (ii)(II) reports the Resolution
of Approval or is discharged from fur-
ther consideration of the Resolution of
Approval, pursuant to this subpara-
graph.

(II) With respect to the disposi-
tion by the Senate of a Resolution of
Approval, on any vote on final pas-
sage of a Resolution of Approval of
the Senate, a Resolution of Approval
received from the House of Represen-
tatives shall be automatically sub-
stituted for the resolution of the Sen-
ate.

(C) PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—
(i) Rulemaking authority.—The provisions of this subparagraph are enacted by Congress—

(I) as an exercise of the rule-making power of the House of Representatives, and as such they are deemed a part of the rules of the House of Representatives, but applicable only with respect to the procedure to be followed in the House of Representatives in the case of a Resolution of Approval, and such provisions supersede other rules of the House of Representatives only to the extent that they are inconsistent with such other rules; and

(II) with full recognition of the constitutional right of the House of Representatives to change the rules (so far as relating to the procedure of the House of Representatives) at any time, in the same manner, and to the same extent as in the case of any other rule of the House of Representatives.
(ii) INTRODUCTION; REFERRAL.—

(I) IN GENERAL.—Not later than the third day on which the House of Representatives is in session following the day on which the submissions required by paragraph (2) are received by the Congress, a Resolution of Approval shall be introduced (by request) in the House of Representatives by either the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the Minority Leader. If the Resolution of Approval is not introduced as provided in the preceding sentence, any Member may introduce a Resolution of Approval on the fourth day on which the House of Representatives is in session after the date of the receipt of the submissions required by paragraph (2).

(II) REFERRAL.—A Resolution of Approval shall upon introduction be immediately referred to the appropriate committee or committees of the House of Representatives. Any Resolution of Approval received from the
Senate shall be held at the Speaker’s table.

(III) DISCHARGE.—Upon the expiration of 60 days of continuous session after the introduction of a Resolution of Approval, each committee to which the Resolution of Approval was referred shall be discharged from further consideration of the Resolution of Approval, and the Resolution of Approval shall be referred to the appropriate calendar, unless the Resolution of Approval or an identical resolution was previously reported by each committee to which it was referred.

(iii) CONSIDERATION.—It shall be in order for the Speaker to recognize a Member favoring the Resolution of Approval to call up the Resolution of Approval after it has been on the appropriate calendar for 5 legislative days. When a Resolution of Approval is called up, the House of Representatives shall proceed to its immediate consideration and the Speaker shall recognize the Member calling up the Resolution
of Approval and a Member opposed to the Resolution of Approval for 10 hours of debate in the House of Representatives, to be equally divided and controlled by such Members. When such time has expired, the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the Resolution of Approval to adoption without intervening motion. No amendment to the Resolution of Approval shall be in order, nor shall it be in order to move to reconsider the vote by which the Resolution of Approval is agreed to or disagreed to.

(iv) Receipt of Resolution from Senate.—If the House of Representatives receives from the Senate a Resolution of Approval:

(I) The Resolution of Approval shall not be referred to a committee.

(II) With respect to the disposition of the House of Representatives of the Resolution of Approval—

(aa) the procedure with respect to the Resolution of Approval introduced in the House of
Representatives shall be the same as if no Resolution of Approval had been received from the Senate; but (bb) the vote on final passage in the House of Representatives shall be on the Resolution of Approval received from the Senate.