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To require reports on the effectiveness and impacts of the implementation of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, and for other purposes.

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Ms. SLAUGHTER (for herself, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. DICKS, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. NADLER of New York, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. LEE of New York, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. HODES, Mr. MAFFEI, Mr. ARCURI, Mr. MANZULLO, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mrs. MALONEY, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. MASSA, and Mr. TONKO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “WHTI Implementation
3 Monitoring Plan to Assure Continued Travel and Trade
4 Act of 2009” or the “IMPACTT Act of 2009”.

5 **SEC. 2. REPORTS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WESTERN**
6 **HEMISPHERE TRAVEL INITIATIVE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 1, 2009,
8 and June 1, 2010, the Secretary of Homeland Security
9 and the Secretary of State shall jointly submit to Congress
10 a report on the implementation of the Western Hemi-
11 sphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) (required under section
12 7209(b) of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Preven-
13 tion Act of 2004 (8 U.S.C. 1185 note)) with respect to
14 the international land and maritime border between the
15 United States and Canada.

16 (b) CONTENTS.—The reports required under sub-
17 section (a) shall include the following:

18 (1) The effects on travel and trade across the
19 international land and maritime border between the
20 United States and Canada due to the implementa-
21 tion of WHTI, including an analysis of the economic
22 impact of WHTI, monthly figures for passenger and
23 freight border crossings, and its effects, if any, on
24 travel delays at major border crossings.

1 (2) Measurements of enrollment into frequent
2 traveler programs such as NEXUS and enrollment
3 for passport cards.

4 (3) An analysis of the effectiveness of radio-fre-
5 quency identification (RFID) technology, including
6 an analysis of RFID infrastructure installation.

7 (4) Measurements of United States Customs
8 and Border Protection staffing levels along the inter-
9 national land and maritime border between the
10 United States and Canada.

11 (5) An analysis of the effect of WHTI on over-
12 all border security along the international land and
13 maritime border between the United States and
14 Canada.

15 (c) GAO STUDY.—Not later than 90 days after the
16 submission of each of the reports required under sub-
17 section (a), the Comptroller General of the United States
18 shall submit to Congress a report on the economic impact
19 of WHTI and its effect on overall border security with
20 respect to the international land and maritime border be-
21 tween the United States and Canada.

22 (d) MAJOR BORDER CROSSINGS DEFINED.—In this
23 section, the term “major border crossings” means the 16
24 land ports of entry along the international land border be-

1 tween the United States and Canada scheduled to be
2 equipped with RFID technology as of June 1, 2009.

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