

*Congressman King's amendments added to Homeland Security Bill*

Washington D.C.- Congressman Steve King (R-IA) released the following statement after the House of Representatives approved three amendments he introduced to H.R. 2017, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2012. The first of King's amendments dedicates funding to U.S. Customs and Border Protection for the eradication of lookout points that have been established along the U.S.-Mexico border by drug smugglers. The second allocates funds for the hiring and training of additional officers to serve in Immigration and Customs Enforcement's "Shadow Wolves" program. The third King amendment prohibits any federal funding appropriated by the DHS bill from being distributed to the Association of Community Organizers for Reform Now (ACORN) and its more than 300 affiliates.

H.R. 2017 passed the House of Representatives today on a vote of 231-188.

*Click the play button to watch Congressman Steve King introduce, and the House pass, King's amendment funding efforts to eliminate border lookout points established by drug smugglers.*

"Americans want the border with Mexico secured, and I am pleased that the House has passed my amendments that provide funding for two important border security initiatives," said King. "Human traffickers and drug smugglers are establishing lookout points on the U.S. side of the border that allow them to evade American law enforcement efforts. These lookout points must be eradicated if we are to regain operational control of the border, and one of my amendments provides funding for U.S. Customs and Border Protection to target and eliminate them.

The House also accepted my amendment providing funding for Immigration and Customs Enforcement to hire and train personnel to serve in the 'Shadow Wolves' program. 'Shadow Wolves' are Native American law enforcement officers who combine modern technology and ancient tracking techniques to identify, follow and arrest drug smugglers and human traffickers crossing into the deserts of Arizona from Mexico. This is a border security program that has proven results, and I am pleased that it has received the support of the House.

The last of my amendments passed by the House blocks federal funding for ACORN and its over 300 affiliate organizations. ACORN is a corrupt criminal enterprise that threatens our democratic system of government by systematically committing voter registration fraud. American taxpayers should not be asked to fund an organization that is dedicated to corrupting the sanctity of every American's vote."

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