

1-1 By: Estes, et al. S.C.R. No. 5
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 15, 2015; February 2, 2015,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Subcommittee on Border Security;
 1-4 March 4, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute to Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military
 1-6 Installations; March 16, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-7 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 2;
 1-8 March 16, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-9 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
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1-15	X			
1-16	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.C.R. No. 5 By: Birdwell

1-19 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-20 WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the federal government
 1-21 to fully maintain the security of the Texas-Mexico international
 1-22 border; and

1-23 WHEREAS, The federal government has neglected its duty to
 1-24 fully maintain the security of the Texas-Mexico international
 1-25 border; and

1-26 WHEREAS, An unprotected border facilitates drug smuggling
 1-27 and human trafficking and opens the door to spillover violence from
 1-28 criminal cartels; moreover, the ease with which members of
 1-29 terrorist organizations can enter the country poses a grave threat
 1-30 to homeland security; and

1-31 WHEREAS, The federal government's failure to prevent illegal
 1-32 entry has shifted much of the responsibility to the State of Texas;
 1-33 consequently, budget writers must weigh the costs of border
 1-34 security against the expense of other state services; during the
 1-35 2012-2013 fiscal biennium, Texas spent \$222,068,318 on border
 1-36 security operations, and in the 2014-2015 fiscal biennium,
 1-37 \$467,872,482; and

1-38 WHEREAS, The executive branch and the United States Congress
 1-39 have consistently delayed meaningful action on border security,
 1-40 forcing Texas to expend significant resources to keep the
 1-41 international border with Mexico secure and placing an undue burden
 1-42 on the state's taxpayers; now, therefore, be it

1-43 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas
 1-44 hereby express its dissatisfaction with the federal government's
 1-45 inadequate efforts to secure the Texas-Mexico international
 1-46 border; and, be it further

1-47 RESOLVED, That the 84th Texas Legislature respectfully urge
 1-48 the Congress of the United States to reimburse the State of Texas in
 1-49 the amount of \$689,940,800 for bearing the financial burden of the
 1-50 federal government's responsibility to secure the Texas-Mexico
 1-51 international border from 2012 through 2015; and, be it further

1-52 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
 1-53 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
 1-54 the president of the Senate and to the speaker of the House of
 1-55 Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the
 1-56 members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that
 1-57 this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a
 1-58 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

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