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# H. R. 3239

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 16, 2009

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona (for herself and Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California) 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

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## 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. REPORT ON MERIDA INITIATIVE.**

4       (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after  
5       the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
6       Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of

1 State, shall submit to Congress a report on the effects of  
2 the Merida Initiative on the following:

3 (1) Enhancing border security.

4 (2) Reducing the potential for border violence.

5 (3) Preventing the illicit flow of arms and bulk  
6 cash across the border between the United States  
7 and Mexico.

8 (b) MERIDA INITIATIVE DEFINED.—In this section,  
9 the term “Merida Initiative” means the program an-  
10 nounced by the United States and Mexico on October 22,  
11 2007, to fight illicit narcotics trafficking and criminal or-  
12 ganizations throughout the Western Hemisphere.

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