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Cross-Border Trade Enhancement Act of 2016

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]

Party: Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 11, 2015
Sen. Johnson, Ron [R-WI]	R · WI		May 18, 2016
Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]	R · NV		May 19, 2016
Sen. Flake, Jeff [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Jun 9, 2016
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Dec 9, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 12, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Foreign Trade and International Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 875	Identical bill	Dec 16, 2016: Became Public Law No: 114-279.
114 HR 6381	Related bill	Dec 16, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research.
114 S 208	Related bill	Jan 21, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to enter into agreements with certain entities for the CBP to provide customs, agricultural processing, border security, or inspection-related immigration services at federal-owned land, or sea or air ports of entry, subject to payment of a fee to reimburse the CBP for providing such services. The bill prescribes requirements for the termination of CBP services and the imposition of a penalty after notice and demand for payment of fees not timely paid by an entity.

The CBP and the General Services Administration may enter into an agreement with an entity to accept donations of:

- personal property, money, or nonpersonal services for use in the purchase and installation of furniture and other equipment at new or existing sea or air ports of entry or new or existing federal-owned land ports of entry; or
- real property or money for use in the construction or maintenance of such facilities.

The CBP shall establish, and make available to the public, criteria for evaluating a proposal to enter into agreements to accept donations.

CBP and the Government Accountability Office shall report annually to specified congressional committees on CBP fee agreements and donations.

(Sec. 3) Modifies CBP reporting requirements under the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015 to include reporting on reimbursable fee agreements with CBP.

(Sec. 4) The bill amends the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013, and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014, to repeal:

- CBP authority to enter into reimbursable fee agreements for a period of up to five years, and
- the partnership pilot program allowing CBP to enter into partnerships with the private sector and government entities at ports of entry for certain CBP services and to accept certain donations.

(Sec. 5) The bill amends the Anti-Border Corruption Act of 2010 to permit the CBP to waive certain polygraph examination requirements for certain qualifying applicants for law enforcement positions with CBP.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 30, 2016:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 30, 2016:** Received in the House.
- **Nov 30, 2016:** Held at the desk.
- **Nov 29, 2016:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S6573-6575; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S6573-6575)
- **Nov 29, 2016:** The committee substitute withdrawn by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S6575)
- **Nov 29, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 29, 2016:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Aug 30, 2016:** By Senator Johnson from Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs filed written report under authority of the order of the Senate of 07/14/2016. Report No. 114-303.
- **Jul 12, 2016:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Johnson with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Jul 12, 2016:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 559.
- **May 25, 2016:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Feb 11, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 11, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S931-932)