

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—116th Cong., 1st Sess.

S. 1494

To amend the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 to protect alien minors and to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to end abuse of the asylum system and establish refugee application and processing centers outside the United States, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by Mr. BLUMENTHAL

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “No Department of De-
5 fense Funding for the Wall Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) On June 16, 2015, in New York City, while
9 announcing his candidacy for President of the
10 United States, Mr. Donald Trump stated “I would

1 build a great wall, and nobody builds walls better
2 than me, believe me, and I'll build them very inex-
3 pensively. I will build a great, great wall on our
4 southern border. And I will have Mexico pay for that
5 wall. Mark my words.”.

6 (2) On January 10, 2017, General John Kelly,
7 President-elect Trump’s nominee for Secretary of
8 Homeland Security, stated, during his Senate con-
9 firmation hearing, “A physical barrier in and of
10 itself—certainly as a military person that under-
11 stands defense and defenses—a physical barrier in
12 and of itself will not do the job, it has to be really
13 a layered defense.”.

14 (3) The construction of a wall along the south-
15 ern border is estimated to cost tens of billions of
16 taxpayer dollars.

17 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF DEPARTMENT OF DE-**
18 **FENSE FUNDS TO BUILD A WALL ALONG THE**
19 **SOUTHERN BORDER.**

20 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Sec-
21 retary of Defense, or any other Government official may
22 not obligate or expend amounts appropriated to the De-
23 partment of Defense—

1 (1) to construct a border fence, wall, or related
2 physical barriers or infrastructure along the south-
3 ern border of the United States; or

4 (2) to carry out any activities related to such
5 construction.