

To the office of U.S. Representative Mark E. Amodei

Re: HR 9310 (119th Congress), Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2027 • Latest action (2026-06-12): Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 605.

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Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2027 - Constitutional and Fiscal Responsibility Version

The measure, as described from the official record: To provide funding for the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2027, enabling it to carry out its statutory missions including border security, immigration enforcement, cybersecurity, disaster response, and counterterrorism.

THE PROPOSAL

This Act appropriates funds for the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2027. The total amount appropriated shall not exceed the amount appropriated for fiscal year 2026 adjusted for inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, plus an additional 2% for programmatic growth. Any new program or expansion of an existing program authorized by this Act shall sunset after 5 years from the effective date, unless reauthorized by Congress. The Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General shall conduct annual audits of all expenditures under this Act and report to Congress. Funds shall be withheld from any program that fails to comply with reporting requirements or that is found to be in violation of constitutional limitations on federal power. This Act takes effect on October 1, 2026.

OPERATIVE PROVISIONS (VFA PROPOSAL)

Funding Source	General Treasury funds not otherwise appropriated.
Funding Amount	Not to exceed the FY2026 appropriation adjusted for inflation (CPI-U) plus 2%.
Sunset Years	5 years
Oversight Body	Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General
Enforcement Mechanism	Withholding of funds for non-compliance with reporting or constitutional violations; annual audit reports to Congress.
Effective Date	October 1, 2026

CONSTITUTIONAL BASIS

- Article I, Section 8, Clause 1
- Article I, Section 8, Clause 18
- Tenth Amendment

WHY BOTH SIDES CAN BACK IT (VFA'S ASSESSMENT)

Honors Democratic priorities by maintaining funding for disaster response, cybersecurity, and immigration enforcement with robust oversight and due process protections. Honors Republican priorities by capping spending growth, requiring sunset of new programs, and ensuring fiscal accountability through audits and withholding of funds.

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