

## H.R. 1805- Northern Border Coordinator

H.R. 1805, a bill to establish the position of Northern Border Coordinator at the Department of Homeland Security

### WHAT THIS BILL WOULD DO

H.R. 1805 will establish the position of Northern Border Coordinator at the Department of Homeland Security. The Northern Border Coordinator would be responsible for increasing the security of the border between the U.S. and Canada; improving the coordination among the agencies responsible for homeland security; serving as the primary liaison with the state and local governments and law enforcement agencies in matters regarding border security; and serving as liaison with the Canadian government.

### WHY THIS BILL IS NEEDED

Without specific attention being paid to our border with Canada, I fear that issues of vital importance to our communities, issues like whether heightened identification requirements at Customs checkpoints will adversely affect business and tourism, will go overlooked. While the border is peaceful, we must not forget that terrorists could use Canada as an avenue of entry. I believe that the position of Northern Border Coordinator is essential to the national security of our country and necessary for the economic well-being of our communities.

\*\*H.R. 4437, the Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act, passed by the House on December 12th, 2005, gave to the Secretary of Homeland Security the responsibilities outlined in H.R. 1805.