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S. 1485

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 2, 2011

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. HELLER, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may cited as the “Ultralight Aircraft Smug-
5 gling Prevention Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE AVIATION SMUGGLING PRO-**
2 **VISIONS OF THE TARIFF ACT OF 1930.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 590 of the Tariff Act of
4 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1590) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-
6 section (h); and

7 (2) by inserting after subsection (f) the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(g) DEFINITION OF AIRCRAFT.—As used in this sec-
10 tion, the term ‘aircraft’ includes an ultralight vehicle, as
11 defined by the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Ad-
12 ministration.”.

13 (b) CRIMINAL PENALTIES.—Subsection (d) of section
14 590 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1590(d)) is
15 amended in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by insert-
16 ing “, or attempts or conspires to commit,” after “com-
17 mits”.

18 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
19 this section apply with respect to violations of any provi-
20 sion of section 590 of the Tariff Act of 1930 on or after
21 the 30th day after the date of the enactment of this Act.

22 **SEC. 3. INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION.**

23 The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and
24 Engineering shall, in consultation with the Under Sec-
25 retary for Science and Technology of the Department of
26 Homeland Security, identify equipment and technology

1 used by the Department of Defense that could also be used
2 by U.S. Customs and Border Protection to detect and
3 track the illicit use of ultralight aircraft near the inter-
4 national border between the United States and Mexico.

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