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H. R. 10270

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 3, 2024

Mr. BIGGS (for himself and Mr. BABIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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 be cited as the “Congressional Border
5 Security Assessment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACCESS TO INDIAN RESERVATIONS FOR BORDER**
2 **SECURITY ASSESSMENT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—A member of Congress and any
4 Congressional staff accompanying that member shall have
5 lawful access to any Indian reservation that includes 50
6 or more contiguous miles of the international boundary be-
7 tween the United States and Mexico for the purpose of
8 obtaining information for assessing national security, pub-
9 lic safety, and the security of the international boundary.
10 Such lawful access shall extend to any roadways or ease-
11 ments on Indian country.

12 (b) DEFINITION OF INDIAN COUNTRY.—For the pur-
13 poses of this section, the term “Indian country” shall have
14 the meaning given that term in section 1151 of title 18,
15 United States Code.

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