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SECURITY AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER
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(As Delivered)

While we all know that there is a crisis at our border, I am actually pleased to hear in the early part of this meeting that we are referring to this as a crisis at our border. Our facilities are bursting at the seams. I've made that case many times on the Senate floor and elsewhere, and I am pleased we are taking action.

This is a bill that is absolutely necessary to address this ongoing humanitarian and security crisis on the southwest border, and I believe we saw our earlier vote received broad support.

While the product before the committee—and Senator Tester and I talked about this earlier—deserves our support, I'll say at the outset that it does not include some of the things that he would want or I would want. It may include things that maybe were not preferable for us. But it does not include funding for the needed additional ICE detention capacity or certain funding that would help the Department of Homeland Security expedite the immigration proceedings for migrants seeking asylum.

To address needs across the immigration enforcement continuum in a balanced way, it would have been wise to include funding for these programs, and I will work towards ensuring adequate funding for them as we look towards the 2020 fiscal year.

With that said, our most important charge here today is to get the funding to the border where it is very desperately needed.

There are families and children who need our support. There are law enforcement officers who need our support. And this bill provides that support.

I'm going to go through some of the details just briefly so that people have this on their radar screen.

For Homeland Security, it's \$1.3 billion dollars: \$1.1 billion for Customs and Border Protection, \$209 million for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and \$30 million for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

In the CBP portion of this:

- \$793 million will be for migrant care and processing facilities,
- \$112 million for migrant medical care and consumables,
- And \$110 million for travel and overtime costs.
- \$50 million for improvement to immigration data systems tools, which will expedite the processing process,
- And \$35 million for transportation—which we know has been a challenge—of migrants across facilities.

In the ICE portion, the bill includes:

- \$48 million for the transportation—again, of what Senator Blunt was talking about—of unaccompanied alien children and migrants, in other words transferring them to HHS custody,
- \$70 million in travel, overtime costs, and pay adjustments,
- \$45 million for detainee medical care,
- \$21 million for counter-human trafficking investigations,
- And \$25 million for alternatives to detention and facilities.

For FEMA, the bill includes:

- \$30 million to help our states, local governments, and non-profits meet the challenge to support homeless migrants.

I'm proud of the work we've done to get to this, and as I mentioned, it reflects a compromise. I am glad it strikes a careful balance among competing views, and I look forward to continuing to work with Senator Tester.

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