

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1732

To amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to specify that the waiver authority under such Act includes the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Endangered Species Act of 1973 for purpose of construction of physical barriers along border, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 13, 2019

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Furthering American
3 Security by Tempering Environmental Regulations Act”
4 or the “FASTER Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. WAIVER AUTHORITY TO INCLUDE THE NATIONAL**
6 **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT OF 1969 AND**
7 **ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT OF 1973 FOR**
8 **PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTION OF PHYSICAL**
9 **BARRIERS ALONG BORDER.**

10 Paragraph (1) of section 102(c) of the Illegal Immi-
11 gration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996
12 (8 U.S.C. 1103 note) is amended by inserting “, including
13 the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.
14 4321 et seq.) and the Endangered Species Act of 1973
15 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.),” after “waive all legal require-
16 ments”.

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