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To authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to suspend the entry of
aliens, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. ROY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

A BILL

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the entry of aliens, and for other purposes.

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 “Border Safety and Se-
5 curity Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. SUSPENSION OF ENTRY OF ALIENS.**

7 (a) **AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND ENTRY OF ALIENS AT**
8 **BORDERS OF THE UNITED STATES.**—Notwithstanding
9 any other provision of law, if the Secretary of Homeland

1 Security determines, in his discretion, that the suspension
2 of the entry of covered aliens at an international land or
3 maritime border of the United States is necessary in order
4 to achieve operational control over such border, the Sec-
5 retary may prohibit, in whole or in part, the entry of cov-
6 ered aliens at such border for such period of time as the
7 Secretary determines is necessary for such purpose.

8 (b) REQUIRED SUSPENSION OF ENTRY OF ALIENS.—
9 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary
10 of Homeland Security shall prohibit the entry of covered
11 aliens for any period during which the Secretary cannot—

12 (1) detain such covered aliens as required under
13 section 235(b)(1)(B) of the Immigration and Na-
14 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1225(b)(1)(B)); or

15 (2) place such covered aliens in a program con-
16 sistent with section 235(b)(2)(C) of the Immigration
17 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1225(b)(2)(C)).

18 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) Except as otherwise provided, the terms
20 have the meanings given such terms in section 101
21 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
22 1101).

23 (2) The term “covered alien” means an alien
24 seeking entry to the United States who is inadmis-

1 sible under section 212(a)(7) of the Immigration
2 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(7)).

3 (3) The term “operational control” has the
4 meaning given such term in section 2 of the Secure
5 the Fence Act of 2006 (8 U.S.C. 1701 note).