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## **DE LA GARZA WINS MORE CUSTOMS INSPECTORS FOR HIDALGO-PHARR INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES**

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WASHINGTON -- At the urging of Congressman Kika de la Garza, D-Texas, House and Senate negotiators on the annual appropriations bill for the Treasury Department included a provision directing that the U.S. Customs Service provide additional inspectors for the Hidalgo-Pharr international bridges. The appropriations bill was approved by the House Tuesday on a vote of 360-53.

Rep. de la Garza said his request for additional Customs inspectors was prompted by the increased workload experienced by Customs since implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), as well as the scheduled opening of the Pharr International Bridge. The Pharr bridge will be dedicated on Nov. 4 and open for business beginning Dec. 1.

"This action in the appropriations bill helps assure adequate staffing at the current Hidalgo bridge and the soon-to-be-open Pharr bridge. It's essential to the success of NAFTA that both the United States and Mexico provide adequate customs staff at the ports of entry to facilitate cross-border commerce and travel. The additional inspectors will be especially helpful at the new Pharr bridge which is expected to process substantial traffic in manufactured products," said Rep. de la Garza.

The Customs staffing directive was included in the conference agreement on H.R. 4539, which provides funding during the next fiscal year for the operations of the Treasury Department, including the Customs Service. The measure must now be approved by the Senate before going to the president.

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