

To expand the Berry Amendment Extension Act which currently covers textile products purchased by the Department of Defense to the Department of Homeland Security. Currently, DHS is free to purchase uniforms made outside the United States from foreign textile producers for its workers, which include airport security, customs and immigration uniformed employees. By expanding the Berry amendment to include DHS, the government will be required to purchase uniforms for more than one hundred thousand uniformed employees from U.S. textile and apparel manufacturers. This would provide an immediate boost to U.S. textile plants across the nation, particularly from the Southeast. This amendment meets the test set forth by the Obama Administration that stimulus programs should provide an immediate or quick boost to the economy.