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# S. 970

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 27 (legislative day, JUNE 19), 1995

Mrs. HUTCHISON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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## 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,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “North American Bor-  
5       der Stations Improvements Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7       In this Act:

1           (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-  
2           trator” means the Administrator of General Serv-  
3           ices.

4           (2) AGREEMENT.—The term “agreement”  
5           means an agreement entered into under section 3.

6           (3) DOMESTIC CORPORATION.—The term “do-  
7           mestic corporation” means a nongovernmental do-  
8           mestic corporation (as determined under section  
9           7701 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).

10          (4) LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNIT.—The term  
11          “local governmental unit” means—

12                (A) a county, city, or other local govern-  
13                ment in the United States;

14                (B) a bridge board, port authority, or  
15                other entity established by a State or local gov-  
16                ernment in the United States; and

17                (C) any combination of the governments  
18                and entities described in subparagraphs (A) and

19                (B).

20   **SEC. 3. BORDER STATION AGREEMENTS.**

21          (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of  
22          amounts provided in advance in appropriations Acts, the  
23          Administrator may enter into agreements with States,  
24          local governmental units, and domestic corporations for  
25          the acquisition of land and materials for and the construc-

1 tion of border stations on the borders of the United States  
2 with Canada and Mexico.

3 (b) BORDER STATIONS.—A border station con-  
4 structed under an agreement shall—

5 (1) meet applicable requirements of the Federal  
6 Government for border stations; and

7 (2) be located on a site approved by the Com-  
8 missioner of the United States Customs Service, the  
9 Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturaliza-  
10 tion Service, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the  
11 Administrator.

12 (c) LEASE.—An agreement may provide for a lease,  
13 with a term not to exceed 30 years.

14 (d) VESTING OF TITLE.—An agreement shall provide  
15 that the title to the land and each facility comprising the  
16 border station subject to the agreement shall be vested  
17 in—

18 (1) in the case of an agreement with a State,  
19 the State;

20 (2) in the case of an agreement with a local  
21 governmental unit, the local governmental unit; or

22 (3) in the case of an agreement with a domestic  
23 corporation, the domestic corporation.

24 (e) ALTERATIONS TO BORDER STATIONS.—An agree-  
25 ment shall provide that the State, local governmental unit,

1 or domestic corporation may make any addition to, or  
2 modify, replace, or expand, a port facility or the campus  
3 of a port facility that is subject to the agreement and that  
4 is in existence on the date of the addition, modification,  
5 replacement, or expansion. To the extent that an activity  
6 described in the preceding sentence requires an extension  
7 of a lease payment period under the agreement, the activ-  
8 ity shall be subject to the approval of the Administrator.

