''(1) Trafficking and smuggling organizations are intensifying their efforts to enter the United States through tunnels and other subterranean passages between Mexico and the United States.

''(2) Border tunnels are most often used to transport narcotics from Mexico to the United States, but can also be used to transport people and other contraband.

''(3) From Fiscal Year 1990 to Fiscal Year 2011, law enforcement authorities discovered 149 cross-border tunnels along the border between Mexico and the United States, 139 of which have been discovered since Fiscal Year 2001. There has been a dramatic increase in the number of cross-border tunnels discovered in Arizona and California since Fiscal Year 2006, with 40 tunnels discovered in California and 74 tunnels discovered in Arizona.

''(4) Section 551 of the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2007 (Public Law 109–295) added a new section to title 18, United States Code (18 U.S.C. 555), which—

''(A) criminalizes the construction or financing of an unauthorized tunnel or subterranean passage across an international border into the United States; and

''(B) prohibits any person from recklessly permitting others to construct or use an unauthorized tunnel or subterranean passage on the person's land.

''(5) Any person convicted of using a tunnel or subterranean passage to smuggle aliens, weapons, drugs, terrorists, or illegal goods is subject to an enhanced sentence for the underlying offense. Additional sentence enhancements would further deter tunnel activities and increase prosecutorial options.''

CHAPTER 29—ELECTIONS AND POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

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[591. Repealed.]
592. Troops at polls.
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611. Voting by aliens.
[612 to 617. Repealed.]

SENATE REVISION AMENDMENT

By Senate amendment, item 610 was changed to read, ''610. Contributions or expenditures by national banks, corporations, or labor organizations''. See Senate Report No. 1620, amendment Nos. 4 and 5, 80th Cong.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104–208, div. C, title II, §216(b), Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009–573, added item 611.

1993—Pub. L. 103–94, §4(c)(2), Oct. 6, 1993, 107 Stat. 1005, added item 610.

1990—Pub. L. 101–647, title XXXV, §3516, Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4923, substituted ''Making political contributions'' for ''Place of solicitation'' in item 603 and ''Place of solicitation'' for ''Making political contributions'' in item 607.

1986—Pub. L. 99–410, title II, §202(b), Aug. 28, 1986, 100 Stat. 929, added items 608 and 609.

1980—Pub. L. 96–187, title II, §201(a)(2), Jan. 8, 1980, 93 Stat. 1367, struck out item 591 ''Definitions''.

1976—Pub. L. 94–453, §2, Oct. 2, 1976, 90 Stat. 1517, substituted ''political contribution'' for ''political activity'' in item 601.

Pub. L. 94–283 title II, §201(b), May 11, 1976, 90 Stat. 496, struck out items ''608. Limitations on contributions and expenditures'', ''610. Contributions or expenditures by national banks, corporations or labor organizations'', ''611. Contributions by Government contractors'', ''612. Publication or distribution of political statements'', ''613. Contributions by foreign nationals'', ''614. Prohibition of contributions in name of another'', ''615. Limitation on contributions of currency'', ''616. Acceptance of excessive honorariums'', and ''617. Fraudulent misrepresentation of campaign authority''.

1974—Pub. L. 93–443, title I, §101(d)(4)(B), (f)(3), Oct. 15, 1974, 88 Stat. 1267, 1268, substituted ''Contributions by foreign nationals'' for ''Contributions by agents of foreign principals'' in item 613, and added items 614 to 617.

1972—Pub. L. 92–225, title II, §207, Feb. 7, 1972, 86 Stat. 11, substituted ''contributions and expenditures'' for ''political contributions and purchases'' in item 608, ''Repealed'' for ''Maximum contributions and expenditures'' in item 609, and ''Government contractors'' for ''firms or individuals contracting with the United States'' in item 611.

1966—Pub. L. 89–486, §8(c)(1), July 4, 1966, 80 Stat. 249, added item 613.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

STATE LAWS AFFECTED; DEFINITIONS

Pub. L. 93–443, title I, §104, Oct. 15, 1974, 88 Stat. 1272, provided that:

''(a) The provisions of chapter 29 of title 18, United States Code, relating to elections and political activities, supersede and preempt any provision of State law with respect to election to Federal office.

''(b) For purposes of this section, the terms 'election', 'Federal office', and 'State' have the meanings given them by section 591 of title 18, United States Code.''

[§ 591. Repealed. Pub. L. 96–187, title II, § 201(a)(1), Jan. 8, 1980, 93 Stat. 1367]

Section, acts June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 719; May 24, 1949, ch. 139, §9, 63 Stat. 90; Sept. 22, 1970, Pub. L. 91–405, title II, §204(d)(4), 84 Stat. 853; Feb. 7, 1972, Pub. L. 92–225, title II, §201, 86 Stat. 8; Oct. 15, 1974, Pub. L. 93–443, title I, §§101(f)(2), 102, 88 Stat. 1268, 1269; May 11, 1976, Pub. L. 94–283, title I, §115(g), title II, §202, 90 Stat. 496, 497, defined terms applicable to prohibitions respecting elections and political activities.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective Jan. 8, 1980, see section 301(a) of Pub. L. 96–187, set out as an Effective Date of 1980 Amendment note under section 30101 of Title 52, Voting and Elections.

§ 592. Troops at polls

Whoever, being an officer of the Army or Navy, or other person in the civil, military, or naval service of the United States, orders, brings, keeps, or has under his authority or con-