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UNDATED Security on the U-S border with Canada has been tightened following the weekend arrests of 17 Muslim Canadian terror suspects.

But calls for tougher security measures are being countered by pleas from business and civic leaders on both sides to keep border crossings as quick and simple as possible.

And Mike Milne, a spokesman in Seattle for U-S Customs and Border Protection, says agents at Washington state's border ports with Canada "have been in a heightened state of security for a long time" so travelers probably won't see much difference.

He says no specific changes are planned because of the weekend arrests.

He says travelers may experience slightly longer wait times, but that will be more of a function of the summer travel peak than anything different in enforcement.

In Washington, D-C, U-S Border Patrol Chief David Aguilar (AG'-wih-lahr) said patrol stations along the four-thousand-mile border -- especially those adjoining Ontario -- are on high alert because of the arrests.

Some U-S agents already deployed to the Canadian border will work overtime and some will be moved closer to the areas where the arrests occurred.

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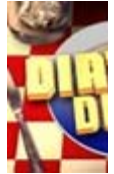
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