AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS BILL FY2020

Full Committee Markup
House Appropriations Committee
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MANAGERS’ AMENDMENT - DEPARTMENT OF
STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED
PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2020
OFFERED BY MRS. LOWEY OF NEW YORK

AMENDMENTS TO THE BILL

On page 42, line 13, of the bill strike
"$2,178,763,000" and insert "$2,153,763,000".

1 And amend the report accordingly.

On page 57, line 14, of the bill strike
"$164,000,000" and insert "$189,000,000" and on line
22, strike "$25,000,000" and insert "$50,000,000".

2 And amend the report accordingly.

On page 58, lines 9 and 13, of the bill strike
"$164,000,000" and insert "$189,000,000" each place it
appears.

3 And amend the report accordingly.

On page 125, after line 19 and before line 20, of the
bill insert the following new paragraph:

4 (6) VIETNAM EDUCATION FOUNDATION.—Sec-
5 tion 207(c) of the Vietnam Education Foundation
Act of 2000 (114 Stat. 2763A–257; 22 U.S.C. 2452) is amended by adding a new paragraph as follows:

“(4) On October 1, 2019, any remaining unobligated balances of funds made available under the heading ‘Vietnam Education Foundation—Vietnam Debt Repayment Fund’ that are not necessary for liquidating the final liabilities of the Vietnam Education Foundation shall be available for grants authorized by section 211 of this Act.”.

AMENDMENTS TO THE REPORT

On page 12 of the report, before the heading “Worldwide Security Protection”, insert the following new paragraph:

“H-2A Visa Processing.—The Committee is concerned about reported inefficiencies in the H-2A visa application and review process and the undue burden placed on agriculture employers applying for visas for potential workers. The Committee understands that agriculture employers are required to provide information separately to the Department of State, the Department of Labor, and the Department of Homeland Security that is often redundant. The Committee directs the Secretary of State to review the H-2A visa application process and to submit a plan...
to the Committees on Appropriations, not later than 45
days after enactment of this Act, on ways to improve the
3 efficiency of such process. The plan should include the fea-
sibility of creating a single employer form that could be
shared across each Department with jurisdiction over the
H-2A visa program as well as information on the contract
services currently used to process H-2A visas, and the
scope of such contracts.”.

On page 13 of the report, before the paragraph
headed “Global Engagement Center (GEC)”, insert the
following new paragraph:

“The Committee directs the Secretary of State, in co-
operation with other relevant federal agency heads, to in-
crease cybersecurity cooperation activities with United
States allies in order to better defend against, disrupt, and
attribute cyberattacks and to deploy countermeasures to
hold the responsible parties accountable.”.

On page 16 of the report, in the paragraph headed
“Workforce diversity”, strike “and Historically Black Col-
leges and Universities” and insert in lieu thereof the fol-
lowing:

“, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Asian
American and Native American Pacific Islander-serving
institutions, and Tribal Colleges and Universities”.
On page 20 of the report, after the first sentence in the paragraph headed "Central Europe", insert the following new sentence:

1 "Particularly troubling is the murder in January of this year of the Mayor of Gdańsk, Poland, Pawel Adamowicz."

On page 21 of the report, following the paragraph headed "Vietnam Education Foundation Act", insert the following new paragraph:

3 "Section 7034(d)(6) of the Act amends the Vietnam Education Foundation Act of 2000 to permit any remaining unobligated balances in the Vietnam Education Foundation-Vietnam Debt Repayment Fund that are not needed for orderly shutdown costs of the Foundation to be available for grants authorized by section 2011 of such Act.
4 The Committee directs the Secretary of State to consult with the appropriate congressional committees prior to the exercise of this authority."

On page 28 of the report, after the paragraph headed "Credits", insert the following new paragraph:

12 "UN Annual Report.—The Committee directs that the Secretary of State continue to comply with the directives contained in the paragraph headed ‘Report’ that appears under this heading in title I of House Report 115-829."
On page 32 of the report, in the paragraph headed "Great Lakes Fishery Commission (GLFC)", insert before the period in the second sentence the following:

1 "including $500,000 for grass carp management".

On page 53 of the report, after the header "Countries", insert the following new paragraph:

2 "Angola.—The Committee directs the USAID Administrator to consult with the Committees on Appropriations on efforts to support conservation needs in Angola.”.

On page 70 of the report, after the heading "Report", insert the following new paragraph:

5 "Fentanyl Producing Countries.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Committee directs the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of Homeland Security, to provide to the Committees on Appropriations a list of fentanyl producing countries that have not adopted laws or regulations similar to United States standards on the prosecution of individuals trafficking a controlled substance, emergency scheduling of new psychoactive substances, and registration of pill presses or tableting machines.”.
On page 73 of the report, after the sentence in the first paragraph ending in "priority.,” insert the following new sentence:

1. “Consistent with Section 604 of the Foreign Assistance Act, the Committee urges the Department to maximize program procurement of American materials to more efficiently use American foreign assistance resources.”.

On page 94 of the report, following the heading “Report”, insert the following new paragraph:

5. “Brunei.—The Committee is concerned that implementation of Brunei’s new Sharia Penal Code (SPC) violates international norms and standards on human rights, including through criminalization and discrimination against vulnerable groups such as LGBTI persons, religious and ethnic minorities, women, and children. The Committee directs the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney General, to review the ongoing implementation of the SPC and determine whether sanctions required under the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act should be applied and report back to the Committees on Appropriations not later than 45 days after enactment of this Act.”.

On page 109 of the report, before the heading “Report”, insert the following new paragraph:
“Confucius Institutes.—The Committee encourages the Secretary of State to coordinate with the Department of Justice to determine whether Chinese nationals associated with Confucius Institutes operating on American university and college campuses qualify as foreign agents working on behalf of the Government of the PRC.”

On page 121 of the report, insert between the first and second sentences of the second full paragraph, insert the following new sentence:

“The Committee is especially concerned about the incidents in November 2018 in La Saline, including alleged human rights abuses and the burning of homes in the area. The Committee encourages the Government of Haiti to address the real grievances in the country, including access to housing.”

On page 125 of the report, before the paragraph that begins “Section 7047”, insert the following new paragraph:

“Report-Nord Stream II.—The Secretary of State is directed to report to the Committees on Appropriations not later than 45 days after enactment of this Act regarding whether the sanctions under the Countering America’s Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (Public Law 115-44) should be applied to entities engaged in the planning, con-
1. structure or operation of the Nord Stream II pipeline, and
2. if not, the reasons why such sanctions do not apply.”.
AMENDMENT TO STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT
OFFERED BY MR. FORTENBERRY OF NEBRASKA

At the appropriate place in the Committee Report, insert the following:

*Kenya conservation programs.*—The Committee supports conservation programs for the USAID Kenya program and the East Africa regional environment program, with particular emphasis on the unique needs of northern Kenya and the Maasai Mara, to help: (1) scale-up wildlife conservation in the critical target ecosystems which fall outside national protected area in Kenya; (2) advance economic opportunity, strengthen governance and conflict-resolution and combat wildlife trafficking through community conservancies across Kenya; (3) strengthen the national policy and regulatory framework to cement conservation as a recognized and protected land use; and (4) create a community conservation field-based training center at the Northern Rangeland's Trust in Kenya to systematically engage government and community partners from across Africa to advance the community conservation model.
AMENDMENT TO STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS BILL AND REPORT
OFFERED BY MR. STEWART OF UTAH

Page 174, line 22, strike “should” and insert “shall”.

In the report, on page 109, in the first sentence of the first full paragraph, strike “should” and insert “shall”.

In the report, on page 109, at the end of the first full paragraph insert the following new paragraph:

The Committee directs that funds under the headings International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement; Nonproliferation, Anti-terrorism, Demining and Related Programs; International Military Education and Training; and Foreign Military Financing Program in this Act be made available for countries and programs in this region at not less than the fiscal year 2019 level.
AMENDMENT TO STATE AND FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS BILL

OFFERED BY MR. FLEISCHMANN OF TENNESSEE

Page 212, beginning on line 19, strike “(a)” and all that follows through line 11 on page 214 and insert the following: “None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available for the United Nations Population Fund.”.

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AMENDMENT TO STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MR. AMODEI OF NEVADA

Page 220, beginning on line 3, strike subparagraphs (C) and (D).
AMENDMENT TO STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS BILL OFFERED BY MR. RUTHERFORD OF FLORIDA

Page 11, line 6, after the first dollar amount, insert “(decreased by $478,994,000)”.  

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following: 

RESCISSION SPENDING REDUCTION ACCOUNT

SEC.____. The amount by which the applicable allocation of new budget authority made by the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives under section 302(b) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 exceeds the amount of proposed new budget authority is $0 (increased by $478,994,000).
AMENDMENT TO STATE AND FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS BILL

OFFERED BY MR. HARRIS OF MARYLAND

Page 215, beginning line 2, strike "species:" and all that follows through the end of the subsection and insert "species."

Strike section 7064 (relating to assistance for foreign nongovernmental organizations).
AMENDMENT TO STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS BILL

MR. RUTHERFORD OFFERED BY REP. GRANGER OF TEXAS

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

RESCISSION

SEC.____. Of the funds appropriated in prior Acts making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs that remain available for obligation under the heading “Bilateral Economic Assistance, Funds Appropriated to the President, Economic Support Fund”, $100,000,000 are rescinded: Provided, That no amounts may be rescinded from amounts that were designated by the Congress for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism or as an emergency requirement pursuant to the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget or section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

SPENDING REDUCTION ACCOUNT

SEC.____. The amount by which the applicable allocation of new budget authority made by the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives under section 302(b) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 exceeds the amount of proposed new budget authority is $0 (increased by $100,000,000).