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## Possible Amendments to H.R. 5522, the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2007

### Part II

The following contains information on amendments not pre-printed that may also be offered.

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#### *Amendments Not Pre-Printed in the Congressional Record*

**Kucinich (D-OH).** Provides that none of the funds made available in this Act under the heading “Millennium Challenge Corporation” may be used to implement the Northern Zone Investment Plan in El Salvador with respect to the Northern Transnational Highway. According to a Dear Colleague, the amendment “will prohibit Millennium Challenge Corporation funds from being used to construct the Northern Transnational Highway in El Salvador, which is part of the Northern Zone Investment Plan.” The sponsor’s office explains, “The proposed Northern Transnational Highway in El Salvador is costly, and MCC funding will not be enough to fund the whole project. El Salvador will have to get loans from the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank to finance the rest of the project, which will result in more unmanageable debts for El Salvador, which will impact the whole country, but especially El Salvador’s poorest. I am not opposed to building roads in the northern region and consider road building a necessary component of development assistance. However, road construction in the northern region could involve smaller village-to-market access roads, instead of a huge transnational highway. US development assistance should not be used to subsidize the cost of gold mining for international mining companies.”

**Millender-McDonald (D-CA).** Reduces by \$1 million (from \$75.2 million to \$74.2 million), funds for the Salaries and Expenses Account for the Export-Import Bank, and reduces by \$1 million (from \$45.5 million to \$44.5 million), funds for the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and increases by \$2 million (from \$2.650 billion to \$2.652 billion), funds for the Economic Support Fund. According to the sponsor’s office,

“\$8 million of the bill’s \$21.3 billion has been allocated to fight human trafficking, protect its victims and prosecute perpetrators. My amendment would provide a \$2 million increase of funding to the Economic Support Fund, which houses the human trafficking account.” **This amendment was agreed to by voice vote.**

**Hooley (D-OR).** Increases, then decreases, the amount for International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement by \$10 million in an attempt to earmark the funds for counter-methamphetamine efforts in Mexico. According to the sponsor, since the States have restricted sales of pseudoephedrine, the methamphetamine in this country now comes from Mexico.

**Waters (D-CA).** The sponsor’s office did not provide the text of the amendment. According to the sponsor’s office, the amendment is intended to increase funding for health care and development by \$20 million because \$20 million was removed from the Fiscal Year 2006 Emergency Appropriations Act in conference.

According to the sponsor’s office, this version of the amendment has no offsets, however, if the amendment is ruled out of order, an amendment with offsets will be offered. The offset amendment will decrease funding for Foreign Military Financing for Columbia by \$6 million; decrease funding for Foreign Military Financing for other countries by \$6 million; decrease funding for International Military Education and Training by \$2 million (from \$88 million to \$86 million); decrease funding for Export-Import Bank Administrative Expenses by \$2 million (from \$75.234 million to \$73.234 million); and decreases funding for Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) non-credit account by \$4 million.

**Berkley (D-NV).** The sponsor’s office indicated that Rep. Berkley was going to offer three amendments, striking certain sections of the bill. However, according to the sponsor’s office, these amendments will not be offered.

**Brown (D-OH).** Increases by \$20 million (from \$287.59 million to \$307.59 million), funds for infectious disease prevention funding under the Child Survival and Health Programs and decreases by \$20 million (from \$115.25 million to \$95.25 million) funds for the Asian Development Fund. According to the sponsor’s office, this additional funding is to be used for global tuberculosis control.

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