

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED TO THE STATE/FOREIGN
OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS BILL FOR FY 2019

Full Committee Markup
House Appropriations Committee
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Amend #1 offered

Rogers

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**AMENDMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PRO-
GRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2019
OFFERED BY MR. ROGERS OF KENTUCKY**
IN THE BILL

In the bill, on page 135, insert after paragraph (4) the following new paragraph and renumber subsequent paragraphs accordingly:

- 1 “(4) CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY.—The Foreign
- 2 Operations, Export Financing, and Related Pro-
- 3 grams Appropriations Act, 1990 (Public Law 101–
- 4 167) is amended—
- 5 “(A) in section 599D (8 U.S.C. 1157
- 6 note)—
- 7 “(i) in subsection (b)(3), by striking
- 8 ‘and 2018’ and inserting ‘2018, and 2019’;
- 9 and
- 10 “(ii) in subsection (e), by striking
- 11 ‘2018’ each place it appears and inserting
- 12 ‘2019’; and

1 “(B) in section 599E (8 U.S.C. 1255 note)
2 in subsection (b)(2), by striking ‘2018’ and in-
3 serting ‘2019’.

In the bill, on page 158, after paragraph (2), insert
the following new paragraph:

4 “(3) AUTHORITY.—Funds appropriated by this
5 Act under the heading ‘Economic Support Fund’ for
6 assistance for Iraq may be made available notwith-
7 standing any other provision of law.”.

In the bill, on page 243, line 5, insert before “credi-
tors”, the following:

8 “or multilateral”.

IN THE REPORT

In the report, on page 13, before the heading
“Worldwide Security Protection”, insert the following
new paragraph:

9 “*Visa processing and training.*—The Committee is aware
10 of concerns over capacity and infrastructure issues at
11 United States Government agencies with responsibility for
12 visa processing which have led to processing delays, result-
13 ing in lost business opportunities for United States compa-
14 nies and missed public diplomacy exchanges involving for-
15 eign legislators and legislative staff invited by United

1 States Government Executive and Legislative Branch offi-
2 cials. The Committee directs the Secretary of State, after
3 consultation with other appropriate United States Govern-
4 ment agencies, to, within applicable law, regulation, and
5 executive action, address the capacity and infrastructure
6 challenges in the visa processing system.”

In the report, on page 85, at the end of the sentence
on Libya, insert the following new sentence:

7 “The Committee notes with concern the occurrence of
8 forced labor and modern day slavery in Libya and expects
9 that assistance be made available to combat these prac-
10 tices.”

In the report, on page 88, strike the second sentence
in the paragraph beginning with “Section 7042”, and in-
sert the following:

11 “The Committee acknowledges that global development,
12 diplomacy and defense are pertinent to protecting United
13 States national security and advancing United States pol-
14 icy toward Africa. The Committee also recognizes that the
15 underlying causes of instability and conflict in the region,
16 including extreme poverty, poor health, food insecurity,
17 and environmental degradation, are critical areas for
18 United States involvement through foreign assistance. The
19 Committee reaffirms that sustainable development, eco-

1 nomic growth, human rights, and humanitarian assistance
2 in Africa are important to national security interests of
3 the United States and remain critical investments in the
4 prosperity and security throughout the continent.”

In the report, on page 89, after the paragraph on
Burma, insert the following new paragraph:

5 “The Committee is concerned about the repeated assaults
6 on freedom of the press in Burma and supports assistance
7 for programs to strengthen independent media.”

On page 90, after the first paragraph under the
heading “Afghanistan”, insert the following new para-
graph:

8 “The Committee notes the strategy for United States en-
9 gagement in Afghanistan required pursuant to the State,
10 Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations
11 Act, 2017, includes political settlement with the Taliban
12 as its ultimate goal. Therefore, no later than 90 days after
13 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall sub-
14 mit to the appropriate congressional committees a report
15 on progress made to date in achieving such goal and de-
16 tailed information, in classified form if necessary, on spe-
17 cific steps to be taken to encourage a political resolution
18 of the conflict in Afghanistan.”

In the report, on page 93, before the first full paragraph, insert the following new paragraph:

1 “The Committee is concerned about the length of time it
2 has taken in prior years for the Department of State to
3 meet the oversight requirements provided for in this sub-
4 section. The Secretary of State is directed to submit the
5 spend plan required by subsection (a)(2) not later than
6 60 days after enactment of this Act, and to take other
7 steps in order to obligate funds in a timely manner, par-
8 ticularly with respect to funds not subject to the require-
9 ments of subsection (a)(3).”

In the report, on page 94, after the third full paragraph, insert the following new paragraph:

10 “The Committee notes that in order to incentivize and at-
11 tract foreign investment, Northern Triangle countries
12 must aggressively combat corruption and impunity and
13 work to create a positive business climate that enforces
14 the rule of law and respects due process. The Committee
15 encourages business groups in the United States and
16 Northern Triangle countries to contribute to these efforts
17 and encourages them to pursue their goals of strength-
18 ening the economies through a commitment towards eco-
19 nomic growth, entrepreneurship, investments, fighting cor-

- 1 ruption, job creation, and the reduction of migration, mal-
- 2 nutrition, and poverty.”



Amend #11 offered

Wasserman Schultz #2

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OFFERED BY MS. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ OF FLORIDA AND MR. POCAN OF
WISCONSIN**

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Page 280, following the end of Title VII, add:

“Sec. ____ . None of the funds made available by this Act, or by any other Act, may be used to prevent a Member of the United States Congress from entering, for the purpose of conducting oversight, any facility in the United States, used for purposes of detaining or otherwise housing foreign national minors.”