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117TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend the Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017 to  
modify the biannual report on overseas capital construction projects.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LYNCH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee  
on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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Year 2017 to modify the biannual report on overseas  
capital construction projects.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Embassy Construction  
5 Accountability Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATIONS TO BIENNIAL REPORT ON OVER-**  
2 **SEAS CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 118 of  
4 the Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year  
5 2017 (Public Law 114–323; 22 U.S.C. 304) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “and the Committees on Appro-  
7 priations” and inserting “, the Committees on Ap-  
8 propriations”; and

9 (2) by inserting after “House of Representa-  
10 tives,” the following: “, and the Committee on  
11 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the  
12 Senate and the Committee on Oversight and Reform  
13 of the House of Representatives”.

14 (b) CONTENTS.—Subsection (b) of such section is  
15 amended—

16 (1) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end be-  
17 fore the period the following: “and, when the current  
18 cost estimate exceeds the initial cost estimate by 15  
19 percent or more, an explanation of the causal or con-  
20 tributing factors resulting in the increased estimated  
21 cost, as well as how the Department plans to miti-  
22 gate the risk of further potential cost increases”;  
23 and

24 (2) by adding at the end the following:

25 “(10) If the current date of estimated comple-  
26 tion reported under paragraph (9) exceeds the date

1 of estimated completion reported under paragraph  
2 (8) by 180 days or more, a description of the causal  
3 or contributing factors that resulted in the revised  
4 estimated completion date, as well as how the De-  
5 partment plans to mitigate the operational impacts  
6 of the delay.

7 “(11) Whether the Department has issued a  
8 stop-work order or suspension-of-work order on any  
9 component or subset of the project, the expected du-  
10 ration of any such order, and the justification for  
11 any such order.”.