

**AMENDMENT TO STATE AND FOREIGN
OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS BILL
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

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

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

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

In the bill, on page 243, line 5, insert before “creditors”, the following:

5 “or multilateral”.

In the REPORT:

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

“*Visa processing and training.*—The Committee is aware of concerns over capacity and infrastructure issues at United States Government agencies with responsibility for visa processing which have led to processing delays, resulting in lost business opportunities for United States companies and missed public diplomacy exchanges involving foreign legislators and legislative staff invited by United States Government Executive and Legislative Branch officials. The Committee directs the Secretary of State, after consultation with other appropriate United

States Government agencies, to, within applicable law, regulation, and executive action, address the capacity and infrastructure 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:

“The Committee notes with concern the occurrence of forced labor and modern day slavery in Libya and expects that assistance be made available to combat these practices.”.

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

“The Committee acknowledges that global development, diplomacy and defense are pertinent to protecting United States national security and advancing United States policy toward Africa. The Committee also recognizes that the underlying causes of instability and conflict in the region, including extreme poverty, poor health, food insecurity, and environmental degradation, are critical areas for United States involvement through foreign assistance. The Committee reaffirms that sustainable development, economic growth, human rights, and humanitarian assistance in Africa are important to national security interests

of the United States and remain critical investments in the prosperity and security throughout the continent.”.

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

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

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

“The Committee notes the strategy for United States engagement in Afghanistan required pursuant to the State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2017, includes political settlement with the Taliban as its ultimate goal. Therefore, no later than 90 days after the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on progress made to date in achieving such goal and detailed information, in classified form if necessary, on specific steps to be taken to encourage a political resolution of the conflict in Afghanistan.”.

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

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

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

“The Committee notes that in order to incentivize and attract foreign investment, Northern Triangle countries must aggressively combat corruption and impunity and work to create a positive business climate that enforces the rule of law and respects due process. The Committee encourages business groups in the United States and Northern Triangle countries to contribute to these efforts and encourages them to pursue their goals of strengthening the economies through a commitment towards economic growth, entrepreneurship, investments, fighting corruption, job creation, and the reduction of migration, malnutrition, and poverty.”.

