

**AMENDMENT TO STATE AND FOREIGN
OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MRS. LOWEY OF NEW YORK**

In the Bill:

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

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”.

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.

And amend the report accordingly.

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

1 (6) VIETNAM EDUCATION FOUNDATION.—Sec-
2 tion 207(c) of the Vietnam Education Foundation
3 Act of 2000 (114 Stat. 2763A–257; 22 U.S.C.

1 2452) is amended by adding a new paragraph as fol-
2 lows:

3 “(4) On October 1, 2019, any remaining unob-
4 ligated balances of funds made available under the
5 heading ‘Vietnam Education Foundation—Vietnam
6 Debt Repayment Fund’ that are not necessary for
7 liquidating the final liabilities of the Vietnam Edu-
8 cation Foundation shall be available for grants au-
9 thorized by section 211 of this Act.”.

In 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 con-
cerned about reported inefficiencies in the H-2A visa ap-
plication 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 sub-
mit a plan to the Committees on Appropriations, not

later than 45 days after enactment of this Act, on ways to improve the efficiency of such process. The plan should include the feasibility 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 cooperation with other relevant federal agency heads, to increase 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 Colleges and Universities” and insert in lieu thereof the following:

“, 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:

“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:

“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. 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:

“*UN Annual Report*.—The Committee directs that the Secretary of State continue to comply with the directives contained in the paragraph headed ‘*Report*’ that ap-

pears 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:

“, including \$500,000 for grass carp management”.

On page 53 of the report, after the header “*Countries*”, insert the following new paragraph:

“*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:

“*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:

“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:

“*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:

1 “*Report-Nord Stream II.*—The Secretary of State is
2 directed to report to the Committees on Appropriations
3 not later than 45 days after enactment of this Act regard-
4 ing whether the sanctions under the Countering America’s
5 Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (Public Law 115–44)
6 should be applied to entities engaged in the planning, con-
7 struction or operation of the Nord Stream II pipeline, and
8 if not, the reasons why such sanctions do not apply.”.

