

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4490**

**OFFERED BY MR. ROYCE OF CALIFORNIA**

In paragraph (15) of section 2, strike the first period.

In section 6(a), in the matter preceding paragraph (1), insert “, in consultation with the Secretary of State,” after “Freedom News Network”.

In section 101, strike “The United States International Communications Agency shall exist” and insert “There is hereby established a single Federal organization consisting of the Voice of America and the offices that constitute the International Broadcasting Bureau and referred to hereafter as the ‘United States International Communications Agency’, which shall exist”.

In subsection (a) of section 107, strike “and the Foreign Service”.

In subsection (a) of section 107, strike “under the Inspector General Act of 1978”.

In subsection (a) of section 107, strike “and the Service”.

In section 108, redesignate subsection (c) as subsection (d).

In section 108, insert after subsection (b) the following:

1       (c) PROGRAM CONTENT SHARING.—The United  
2 States International Communications Agency and the  
3 Freedom News Network shall make all original content  
4 available to each other through a shared platform in ac-  
5 cordance with section 112(a)(3).

In section 110(a), in the matter preceding paragraph (1), strike “has” and insert “have”.

In paragraph (1) of section 110(g), insert “shall” before “be used”.

In paragraph (4) of section 110(g), insert “shall” before “be made”.

In paragraph (2) of section 111(b), insert before the period at the end the following: “or affect the rights of employees covered under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938”.

In section 111, add at the end the following:

6       (d) CONTINUATION OF FEDERAL STATUS.—Nothing  
7 in this Act may be interpreted to change the Federal sta-

1 tus or rights of employees of the Voice of America or the  
2 International Broadcasting Bureau by the consolidation  
3 and establishment of the United States International  
4 Communications Agency.

In paragraph (2) of section 112(a), strike “Details of how the structure and alignment of resources supports” and insert “A plan to consolidate the Voice of America and the International Broadcasting Bureau into a single Federal entity identified as the ‘United States International Communications Agency’ and how the structure and alignment of resources support”.

In section 112(a), add at the end the following:

5 (4) A joint plan written with the Chief Execu-  
6 tive Officer of the Freedom News Network to coordi-  
7 nate the transition of language services between the  
8 United States International Communications Agency  
9 and the Freedom News Network in accordance with  
10 sections 6, 123, 124, 212, and 213.

In subsection (c) of section 112, strike “Agency. including” and insert “Agency, including”.

In section 112, add at the end the following:

11 (e) LANGUAGE REPORT.—Not later than one year  
12 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Chief Ex-

1   ecutive Officer of the United States International Commu-  
2   nications Agency and the Chief Executive Officer of the  
3   Freedom News Network shall submit to the appropriate  
4   congressional committees a joint report detailing—

5           (1) information outlining the criteria and anal-  
6       ysis used to determine broadcast recipient countries  
7       and regions; and

8           (2) an initial list of broadcast countries and re-  
9       gions.

        In subsection (a) of section 124, strike “its public  
diplomacy mandate on United States and international  
news and information, and producing related original  
programming and content, including coverage of United  
States foreign policy, international organizations, and  
international economic developments.” and inserting “the  
principles specified in section 122. Nothing in this section  
shall preclude the Voice of America from broadcasting  
programming content produced by the Freedom News  
Network.”.

        In section 124, in the heading, strike “**TEMPORARY  
EXCEPTION FOR SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA;**”.

        In section 124, strike subsection (b).

        In section 124, redesignate subsection (c) as sub-  
section (b).

In section 124, in subsection (b) (as so redesignated), insert before the period at the end the following:  
“, established in section 101”.

In paragraph (1) of section 224(a), strike “Not later than September 30 of each year, the” and insert “The”.

In paragraph (1) of section 224(a), strike “and the Foreign Service”.

In paragraph (1) of section 224(a), insert “, as appropriate,” after “shall”.

In paragraph (1) of section 224(a), strike “a report” and insert “reports”.

In paragraph (1) of section 224(a), strike “a financial report” and insert “financial reports”.

In paragraph (2) of section 224(a), strike “and the Foreign Service”.

In paragraph (2) of section 224(a), strike “Act of 1978”.

In subsection (a) of section 224, add at the end the following:

1       (c) TRANSFER OF FUNDS.—Notwithstanding any  
2 other provision of law, one percent of the funds made  
3 available by the United States International Communica-

1 tions Agency shall be transferred to the Inspector General  
2 of the Department of State to cover the expenses of car-  
3 rying out the activities of the Inspector General under this  
4 section.

