

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5244
OFFERED BY MR. MEEKS OF NEW YORK

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . SPECIAL ENVOY FOR BURMA.**

2 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICE.**—The Sec-
3 retary shall establish within the Department of State an
4 Office for the Special Envoy for Burma. Upon establish-
5 ment, the Office shall assume the primary responsibility
6 to lead United States policy and diplomatic efforts with
7 respect to Burma.

8 (b) **HEAD OF THE OFFICE.**—The head of the Office
9 shall be the Special Envoy for Burma, who shall be ap-
10 pointed by the President, by and with the advice and con-
11 sent of the Senate, and who shall report to the Assistant
12 Secretary for Special Diplomatic Missions.

13 (c) **LIMITATION ON APPOINTMENTS.**—The Special
14 Envoy may not be a dual-hatted official with other respon-
15 sibilities within the Department of State or the executive
16 branch.

17 (d) **RANK AND STATUS OF AMBASSADOR.**—The Spe-
18 cial Envoy shall have the rank and status of ambassador.

19 (e) **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SPECIAL ENVOY.**—
20 The Special Envoy shall be responsible for—

1 (1) coordinating policy development and execu-
2 tion related to Burma across all bureaus in the De-
3 partment and coordinating with interagency part-
4 ners;

5 (2) developing a comprehensive strategy that
6 utilizes the full range of United States diplomatic
7 capabilities to promote the restoration of peace and
8 a civilian-led democratic government in Burma;

9 (3) engaging stakeholders, including the Na-
10 tional Unity Government, democracy advocates, and
11 non governmental organizations, to promote dia-
12 logue, address issues related to atrocity crimes, pro-
13 vide humanitarian assistance, and combat
14 transnational crime, including trafficking in persons,
15 scam centers, and the illicit trafficking of narcotics
16 and weapons ;

17 (4) advocating for the release of all political
18 prisoners in Burma and respect for human rights;

19 (5) coordinate an international effort with
20 United States allies and partners, including in multi-
21 lateral organizations, to isolate Burma military dip-
22 lomatically and impose and enforce sanctions and an
23 arms embargo against it;

24 (6) support protection, humanitarian assistance,
25 and accountability efforts for Rohingya and other

1 Burmese ethnic minorities;(g) consulting regularly
2 with the appropriate congressional committees on
3 policies relevant to Burma and the future and wel-
4 fare of the Burmese people.

5 (f) TERMINATION.—The Office and the position of
6 Special Envoy established pursuant to this section shall
7 terminate on December 31, 2029.

