

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5245
OFFERED BY MR. MEEKS OF NEW YORK

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . AUTHORIZATION OF THE VETERANS INNOVATION**
2 **PARTNERSHIP FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.**

3 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Veterans Innovation
4 Partnership (VIP) Fellowship Program is hereby author-
5 ized for a period of 10 years beginning on the date of en-
6 actment of this Act.

7 (b) PURPOSE.—Congress finds that the VIP Fellow-
8 ship Program plays a vital role in providing veterans with
9 professional experience, training, and pathways to careers
10 in international affairs, while strengthening the Depart-
11 ment of State’s recruitment of skilled, diverse, and service-
12 minded personnel.

13 (c) OBJECTIVES.—The program authorized under
14 subsection (a) shall—

15 (1) expand opportunities for veterans to gain
16 professional experience in diplomacy, development,
17 and international cooperation;

18 (2) leverage the skills, leadership, and expertise
19 of veterans to enhance the work of the Department
20 of State and other participating agencies; and

(3) support the transition of veterans into public service careers, particularly in foreign affairs.

(d) ADMINISTRATION.—The program shall be administered by the Department of State, consistent with existing law and regulations, and in coordination with relevant Federal agencies and veteran-serving organizations.

7 SEC. ____ . AUTHORIZATION OF THE THOMAS R. PICKERING
8 FOREIGN AFFAIRS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.

9 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Thomas R. Pickering
10 Foreign Affairs Fellowship Program is hereby authorized
11 for a period of 10 years beginning on the date of enact-
12 ment of this Act.

(b) PURPOSE.—The program shall continue to provide financial assistance, mentoring, and professional development opportunities to graduate students who commit to pursuing careers in the Foreign Service of the United States.

(c) ADMINISTRATION.—The program shall be administered by the Department of State, consistent with existing law and regulations.

21 SEC. ____ . AUTHORIZATION OF THE CHARLES B. RANGEL
22 INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS FELLOWSHIP PRO-
23 GRAM.

24 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Charles B. Rangel Inter-
25 national Affairs Fellowship Program is hereby authorized

1 for a period of 10 years beginning on the date of enact-
2 ment of this Act.

3 (b) PURPOSE.—The program shall continue to recruit
4 and support outstanding individuals from diverse back-
5 grounds to prepare them for careers in the Foreign Serv-
6 ice.

7 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—The program shall be admin-
8 istered by the Department of State, consistent with exist-
9 ing law and regulations.

10 **SEC. ____ . AUTHORIZATION OF THE DONALD M. PAYNE**
11 **INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FELLOW-**
12 **SHIP PROGRAM.**

13 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Donald M. Payne Inter-
14 national Development Fellowship Program is hereby au-
15 thorized for a period of 10 years beginning on the date
16 of enactment of this Act.

17 (b) PURPOSE.—The program shall continue to pro-
18 vide financial assistance, mentoring, and professional de-
19 velopment opportunities to individuals pursuing careers in
20 international development.

21 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—The program shall be admin-
22 istered by the Department of State and the United States
23 Agency for International Development, consistent with ex-
24 isting law and regulations.

