

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H. R. 3924, With an
Amendment**

**(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a
new text)**

114TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 3924

To establish in the United States Agency for International Development
an entity to be known as the United States Global Development Lab,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 4, 2015

Mr. CASTRO of Texas (for himself and Mr. MCCAUL) introduced the following
bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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Development an entity to be known as the United States
Global Development Lab, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Global Development
5 Lab Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) The effectiveness of United States foreign
4 assistance can be greatly enhanced by fostering in-
5 novation, applying science and technology, and
6 leveraging the expertise and resources of the private
7 sector to find low-cost, common sense solutions to
8 today's most pressing development challenges.

9 (2) Breakthroughs that accelerate economic
10 growth and produce better health outcomes in devel-
11 oping countries can help support the growth of
12 healthier, more stable societies and foster trade rela-
13 tionships that translate into jobs and economic
14 growth in the United States.

15 (3) In 2014, the Office of Science and Tech-
16 nology and the Office of Innovation and Develop-
17 ment Alliances at the United States Agency for
18 International Development (USAID) were stream-
19 lined and merged into the United States Global De-
20 velopment Lab.

21 (4) The Lab partners with entrepreneurs, ex-
22 perts, nongovernmental organizations, universities,
23 and science and research institutions to find solu-
24 tions to specific development challenges in a faster,
25 more cost-efficient, and more sustainable way.

1 (5) The Lab utilizes competitive innovation in-
2 centive awards, a “pay-for-success” model, whereby
3 a development challenge is identified, competitions
4 are launched, ideas with the greatest potential for
5 success are selected and tested, and awards are pro-
6 vided only after the objectives of a competition have
7 been substantially achieved.

8 (6) Enhancing the authorities that support this
9 pay-for-success model will better enable the Lab to
10 diversify and expand both the number and sources
11 of ideas that may be developed, tested, and brought
12 to scale, thereby increasing USAID’s opportunity to
13 apply high value, low-cost solutions to specific devel-
14 opment challenges.

15 **SEC. 3. UNITED STATES GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT LAB.**

16 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in
17 USAID an entity to be known as the United States Global
18 Development Lab.

19 (b) DUTIES.—The duties of the Lab shall include—

20 (1) increasing the application of science, tech-
21 nology, innovation and partnerships to develop and
22 scale new solutions to end extreme poverty;

23 (2) discovering, testing, and scaling develop-
24 ment innovations to increase cost effectiveness and

1 support United States foreign policy and develop-
2 ment goals;

3 (3) leveraging the expertise, resources, and in-
4 vestment of businesses, nongovernmental organiza-
5 tions, science and research organizations, and uni-
6 versities to increase program impact and sustain-
7 ability;

8 (4) utilizing innovation-driven competitions to
9 expand the number and diversity of solutions to de-
10 velopment challenges; and

11 (5) supporting USAID missions and bureaus in
12 applying science, technology, innovation, and part-
13 nership approaches to decisionmaking, procurement,
14 and program design.

15 (c) AUTHORITIES.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the duties of
17 the Lab under subsection (b), the Administrator, in
18 addition to such other authorities as may be avail-
19 able to the Administrator, including authorities
20 under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961
21 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.), and subject to the limita-
22 tions described in paragraph (3), is authorized to—

23 (A) provide innovation incentive awards (as
24 defined in section 4(5) of this Act); and

1 (B) use funds made available to carry out
2 the provisions of part I of the Foreign Assist-
3 ance Act of 1961 for each of the fiscal years
4 2017 through 2021 for the employment of not
5 more than 30 individuals on a limited term
6 basis pursuant to schedule A of subpart C of
7 part 213 of title 5, Code of Federal Regula-
8 tions, or similar provisions of law or regula-
9 tions.

10 (2) RECOVERY OF FUNDS.—

11 (A) AUTHORITY.—

12 (i) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the
13 duties of the Lab under subsection (b), the
14 Administrator, subject to the limitation de-
15 scribed in clause (ii), is authorized to re-
16 quire a person or entity that receives fund-
17 ing under a grant, contract, or cooperative
18 agreement made by the Lab to return to
19 the Lab any program income that is attrib-
20 utable to funding under such grant, con-
21 tract, or cooperative agreement.

22 (ii) LIMITATION.—The amount of pro-
23 gram income that a person or entity is re-
24 quired to return to the Lab under clause
25 (i) shall not exceed the amount of funding

1 that the person or entity received under
2 the grant, contract, or cooperative agree-
3 ment.

4 (B) TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS.—

5 (i) IN GENERAL.—The amount of any
6 program income returned to the Lab pur-
7 suant to subparagraph (A) may be credited
8 to the account from which the obligation
9 and expenditure of funds under the grant,
10 contract, or cooperative agreement de-
11 scribed in subparagraph (A) was made.

12 (ii) AVAILABILITY.—

13 (I) IN GENERAL.—Except as pro-
14 vided in subclause (II), amounts re-
15 turned and credited to an account
16 under clause (i)—

17 (aa) shall be merged with
18 other funds in the account; and

19 (bb) shall be available, sub-
20 ject to appropriation, for the
21 same purposes and period of time
22 for which other funds in the ac-
23 count are available for programs
24 and activities of the Lab.

1 (II) EXCEPTION.—Amounts re-
2 turned and credited to an account
3 under clause (i) may not be used to
4 pay for the employment of individuals
5 described in paragraph (1)(B).

6 (3) LIMITATIONS.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—Concurrent with the
8 submission of the Congressional Budget Jus-
9 tification for Foreign Operations for each fiscal
10 year, the Administrator shall submit to the ap-
11 propriate congressional committees a detailed
12 accounting of USAID's use of authorities under
13 this section, including the sources, amounts,
14 and uses of funding under each of paragraphs
15 (1) and (2).

16 (B) INNOVATION INCENTIVE AWARDS.—In
17 providing innovation incentive awards under
18 paragraph (1)(A), the Administrator shall—

19 (i) limit the amount of individual
20 awards for fiscal year 2017 to not more
21 than \$100,000;

22 (ii) limit the total number of awards
23 for fiscal year 2017 to not more than 10
24 awards; and

1 (iii) notify the appropriate congres-
2 sional committees not later than 15 days
3 after providing each such award.

4 (C) STAFF.—In exercising the authority
5 under paragraph (1)(B), the Administrator
6 should seek to ensure that increases in the
7 number of staff assigned to the Lab are offset
8 by an equivalent reduction in the total number
9 of staff serving elsewhere in USAID.

10 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

11 In this Act:

12 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
13 trator” means the Administrator of the United
14 States Agency for International Development.

15 (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
16 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
17 mittees” means—

18 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and
19 the Committee on Appropriations of the House
20 of Representatives; and

21 (B) the Committees on Foreign Relations
22 and the Committee on Appropriations of the
23 Senate.

1 (3) LAB.—The term “Lab” means the United
2 States Global Development Lab established under
3 section 3.

4 (4) USAID.—The term “USAID” means the
5 United States Agency for International Develop-
6 ment.

7 (5) INNOVATION INCENTIVE AWARD.—The term
8 “innovation incentive award” means the provision of
9 funding on a competitive basis that—

10 (A) encourages and rewards the develop-
11 ment of solutions for a particular, well-defined
12 problem relating to the alleviation of poverty; or

13 (B) helps identify and promote a broad
14 range of ideas and practices, facilitating further
15 development of an idea or practice by third par-
16 ties.