Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 5535, With an Amendment
(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5535

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 17, 2018

Mr. McCaul (for himself and Mr. Engel) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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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 “Energy Diplomacy Act
5 of 2018”.

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(694324l2)
July 20, 2018 (3:14 p.m.)
SEC. 2. ENERGY DIPLOMACY AND SECURITY WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

(a) In General.—Subsection (c) of section 1 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2651a) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (4); and

(2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following new paragraph:

“(3) ENERGY RESOURCES.—

“(A) Authorization for Assistant Secretary.—Subject to the numerical limitation specified in paragraph (1), there is authorized to be established in the Department of State an Assistant Secretary of State for Energy Resources.

“(B) Personnel.—The Secretary of State shall ensure that there are sufficient personnel dedicated to energy matters within the Department of State who shall be responsible for—

“(i) formulating and implementing international policies, in coordination with Secretary of Energy, as appropriate, aimed at protecting and advancing United States energy security interests by effectively
managing United States bilateral and multilateral relations in the fields of petroleum, natural gas, biofuels, renewable energy, nuclear, and other energy resources;

“(ii) ensuring that analyses of the national security implications of global energy and environmental developments are reflected in the decision making process within the Department of State;

“(iii) incorporating energy security priorities into the activities of the Department of State;

“(iv) coordinating energy activities within the Department of State and with relevant Federal agencies;

“(v) working internationally to—

“(I) support the development of energy resources and the distribution of such resources for the benefit of the United States and United States allies and trading partners for their energy security and economic development needs;

“(II) promote availability of diversified energy supplies and a well-
functioning global market for energy resources, technologies, and expertise for the benefit of the United States and United States allies and trading partners;

“(III) resolve international disputes regarding the exploration, development, production, or distribution of energy resources;

“(IV) support the economic and commercial interests of United States persons operating in the energy markets of foreign countries; and

“(V) support and coordinate international efforts to alleviate energy poverty;

“(vi) leading the United States commitment to the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative;

“(vii) coordinating within the Department of State and with relevant Federal departments and agencies on developing and implementing international energy-related sanctions; and
“(viii) coordinating energy security and other relevant functions within the Department of State currently undertaken by—

“(I) the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs of the Department of State;

“(II) the Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs of the Department of State; and

“(III) other offices within the Department of State.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 931 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17371) is amended—

(1) by striking subsections (a) and (b); and

(2) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as subsections (a) and (b), respectively.