Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 6475, With an Amendment
(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

117TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION H. R. 6475

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 25, 2022

Ms. WATERS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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,
SECTION 1. U.S. POLICY ON WORLD BANK GROUP AND ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK LOANS TO CHINA.

Title XVI of the International Financial Institutions Act (22 U.S.C. 262p et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 1632. U.S. POLICY ON WORLD BANK GROUP AND ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK LOANS TO CHINA.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall instruct the United States Executive Directors at the World Bank Group and the Asian Development Bank to use the voice and vote of the United States at the respective institution to vote against any assistance to the People’s Republic of China unless the Secretary of the Treasury has certified to the appropriate congressional committees that—

“(1) the Government of the People’s Republic of China and any lenders owned or controlled by the Government of the People’s Republic of China have credibly committed—

“(A) to participate in multilateral debt relief initiatives on terms at least comparable to other Group of 20 governments; 

“(B) to the practice of presumptive public disclosure of the terms and conditions on which
they extend credit to other governments (without regard to the form of any such extension of credit);

“(C) not to enforce any agreement terms that may impair their own or the borrowers’ capacity fully to implement commitments described under subparagraphs (A) and (B); and

“(D) not to enter into any agreement containing terms that may impair their own or the borrowers’ capacity fully to implement commitments described under subparagraphs (A) and (B); and

“(2) such assistance contributes significantly to the provision of a global public good that serves the national interest of the United States, such as limiting the negative impacts of climate change.

“(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term ‘appropriate congressional committees’ means the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

“(2) WORLD BANK GROUP DEFINED.—The term ‘World Bank Group’ means the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the
International Development Association, the International Finance Corporation, and the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency.”.

SEC. 2. UNITED STATES POLICY ON WORLD BANK GROUP AND ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title XVI of the International Financial Institutions Act (22 U.S.C. 262p et seq.), as amended by this Act, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 1633. UNITED STATES POLICY ON WORLD BANK GROUP AND ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall instruct the United States Executive Director at each international financial institution of the World Bank Group and at the Asian Development Bank to use the voice and vote of the United States at the respective institution to vote against the provision of any loan, extension of financial assistance, or technical assistance to the People’s Republic of China unless the Secretary of the Treasury has certified to the appropriate congressional committees that—
“(1) the Government of the People’s Republic of China and any lender owned or controlled by the Government of the People’s Republic of China have demonstrated a commitment—

“(A) to the rules and principles of the Paris Club, or of other similar coordinated multilateral initiatives on debt relief and debt restructuring in which the United States participates, including with respect to debt transparency and appropriate burden-sharing among all creditors;

“(B) to the practice of presumptive public disclosure of the terms and conditions on which they extend credit to other governments (without regard to the form of any such extension of credit);

“(C) not to enforce any agreement terms that may impair their own or the borrowers’ capacity fully to implement any commitment described in subparagraph (A) or (B); and

“(D) not to enter into any agreement containing terms that may impair their own or the borrowers’ capacity fully to implement any commitment described in subparagraph (A) or (B); or
“(2) the loan or assistance is important to the national interest of the United States, as described in a detailed explanation by the Secretary to accompany the certification.

“(b) Definitions.—In this section:

“(1) Appropriate Congressional Committees.—The term ‘appropriate congressional committees’ means the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

“(2) World Bank Group Defined.—The term ‘World Bank Group’ means the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Development Association, the International Finance Corporation, and the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency.”.

(b) Sunset.—The amendment made by subsection (a) is repealed effective on the date that is 7 years after the effective date of this section.