

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H. R. 6586, With an
Amendment**

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

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H. R. 6586

To require a strategy to oppose financial or material support by foreign
countries to the Taliban, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 5, 2023

Mr. BURCHETT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To require a strategy to oppose financial or material support
by foreign countries to the Taliban, 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. STRATEGY TO OPPOSE FINANCIAL OR MATE-**
4 **RIAL SUPPORT BY FOREIGN COUNTRIES TO**
5 **THE TALIBAN.**

6 (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the
7 United States to oppose the provision of financial or mate-

1 rial support by foreign countries to the Taliban that is
2 inconsistent with United States law or policy.

3 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
4 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall
5 submit to the appropriate congressional committees a re-
6 port identifying, to the maximum extent possible—

7 (1) foreign countries that have provided finan-
8 cial or material support to the Taliban since Sep-
9 tember 1, 2021, that is inconsistent with United
10 States law or policy, including—

11 (A) the amount of United States-provided
12 foreign assistance each country receives, if any;

13 (B) the amount of financial or material
14 support each country has provided to the
15 Taliban; and

16 (C) a description of how the Taliban has
17 utilized such financial or material support; and

18 (2) efforts the United States has taken since
19 September 1, 2021, to oppose foreign countries from
20 providing financial or material support to the
21 Taliban if doing so is inconsistent with United
22 States law or policy.

23 (c) STRATEGY AND REPORTS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
25 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-

1 retary of State shall develop a strategy to discourage
2 foreign countries from providing financial or mate-
3 rial support to the Taliban that is inconsistent with
4 United States law or policy.

5 (2) REPORTS.—

6 (A) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than the
7 date on which the strategy required by para-
8 graph (1) is completed, the Secretary of State
9 shall submit to the appropriate congressional
10 committees a report detailing the strategy and
11 a plan for its implementation.

12 (B) SUBSEQUENT REPORTS.—

13 (i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180
14 days after the date on which the strategy
15 required by paragraph (1) is completed,
16 and annually thereafter for 5 years, the
17 Secretary of State shall submit to the ap-
18 propriate congressional committees a re-
19 port on the implementation of the strategy,
20 including the impact of the strategy in dis-
21 couraging foreign countries from providing
22 financial or material support to the
23 Taliban that is inconsistent with United
24 States law or policy.

1 (ii) FORM.—The report required by
2 this subparagraph shall be submitted in
3 unclassified form, but may contain a clas-
4 sified annex if necessary.

5 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
6 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-
7 gressional committees” means—

8 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
9 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
10 resentatives; and

11 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
12 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

13 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON DIRECT CASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**
14 **IN AFGHANISTAN.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the United
16 States Agency for International Development, in consulta-
17 tion with the Secretary of State, shall submit to the appro-
18 priate congressional committees a report on United States
19 Government-funded direct cash assistance programs in Af-
20 ghanistan during the period beginning on August 1, 2021,
21 and ending on the date that is 30 days after the date of
22 enactment of this Act. The report shall be submitted in
23 conjunction with the submission of the Fiscal Year 2023
24 Annual Financial Report of the United States Agency for
25 International Development.

1 (b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report re-
2 quired by subsection (a) shall, with respect to such direct
3 cash assistance programs, include—

4 (1) a description of method of payments;

5 (2) a description of how and where currency ex-
6 changes occur;

7 (3) a description of if and how hawalas are
8 used and the oversight mechanisms in place regard-
9 ing use of hawalas to transfer funds in United
10 States Government funded direct cash assistance
11 programs in Afghanistan; and

12 (4) a description of safeguards, including over-
13 sight processes, to prevent the Taliban from access-
14 ing cash assistance under such programs.

15 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
16 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-
17 sional committees” means—

18 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
19 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
20 resentatives; and

21 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
22 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

23 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON STATUS OF AFGHAN FUND.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
25 date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,

1 the Secretary of State shall submit to the appropriate con-
2 gressional committees a report on the status of the Afghan
3 Fund.

4 (b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report re-
5 quired by subsection (a) shall include, to the maximum
6 extent possible—

7 (1) a description of the Taliban’s influence over
8 Da Afghanistan Bank, including a list of Taliban
9 members employed by such Bank or serving on its
10 board of directors;

11 (2) a description of the Afghan Fund’s board of
12 trustees, including the process for vetting and selec-
13 tion of trustees;

14 (3) the conditions necessary for the United
15 States Government to support disbursements from
16 the Afghan Fund to Da Afghanistan Bank;

17 (4) how the Afghan Fund’s board of trustees
18 determines the Fund’s activities, including what
19 kind of information will inform the board’s decisions,
20 and how the board will collect and verify this infor-
21 mation; and

22 (5) a description of what controls have been put
23 into place to ensure funds and disbursements are
24 not diverted to or misused by the Taliban.

1 (c) SUNSET.—This section shall terminate on the
2 date that all disbursements from the Afghan Fund have
3 been made.

4 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
5 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-
6 gressional committees” means—

7 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
8 Committee on Financial Services of the House of
9 Representatives; and

10 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
11 the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Af-
12 fairs of the Senate.