Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H. R. 7089, With an Amendment
(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a complete new text)

118TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H. R. 7089

To authorize the Diplomatic Security Services of the Department of State to investigate allegations of violations of conduct constituting offenses under chapter 77 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 25, 2024

Mr. JAMES 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 Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

2 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Global Anti-Human Trafficking Enhancement Act”.
SEC. 2. EXPanding protection and prosecution ef-
forts at the United States Department
Of State.

(a) Investigation Authority.—The Secretary of
State is authorized to investigate transnational violations
of chapter 77 of title 18, United States Code, in which
part of the offense conduct occurred outside the United
States or involved 1 or more foreign nationals.

(b) Authorities.—Section 37(a)(1) of the State De-
partment Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C.
2709(a)(1)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “; or” and
inserting a semicolon;

(2) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as sub-
paragraph (D); and

(3) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the fol-
lowing new subparagraph:

“(C) transnational violations of chapter 77
of title 18, United States Code, in which any
part of the offense conduct occurred outside the
United States or involved one or more foreign
nationals; or”.

SEC. 3. REPORT.

Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment
of this Act, and annually thereafter for six years, the Sec-
dretary of State shall submit to the Committee on Foreign
Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate a report that includes each of the following:

(1) The number of relevant cases opened and investigated by the Diplomatic Security Service as a result of the additional authorities granted by the amendments made by this Act.

(2) The percentage of the cases opened and investigated by the Diplomatic Security Service as a result of the additional authorities granted by the amendments made by this Act that were referred for further action, including prosecution.

(3) An assessment of the efficacy of the authorities granted by the amendments made by this Act and whether such authorities are sufficient to meaningfully contribute to Department of State and broader United States Government efforts to prosecute and prevent, where applicable, human trafficking and transnational violations of chapter 77 of title 18, United States Code.

(4) An assessment of whether the resources of the Diplomatic Security Service are sufficient to effectively carry out the objectives of this Act.
1 SEC. 4. SUNSET.
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3 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall terminate on the date that is 7 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, and the provisions of law amended by such amendments shall be restored as if such amendments had not been enacted.