AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS BILL FY2024

Full Committee Markup
House Appropriations Committee
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MANAGERS' AMENDMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT
OF STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RE­
LATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT,
2024
OFFERED BY MR. DIAZ-BALART OF FLORIDA

AMENDMENTS TO THE BILL

On page 143 of the bill, between lines 24 and 25, insert the following new paragraph:

“(7) EXTENSION OF CERTAIN REQUIRE­MENTS.—During the current fiscal year, sections (2), (3), and (4) of the PEPFAR Extension Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–305) shall be applied by substituting “2024” for “2023” each place it occurs.”.

AMENDMENTS TO THE REPORT

On page 19 of the report, in the last sentence of the paragraph headed “Pacific Islands” strike “the Association” and all up to the period and insert the following: “Pacific Islands countries”.

On page 67 of the report, before the paragraph headed “Radiological monitoring technologies”, insert the following new paragraph:
“Nagorno-Karabakh.—The Committee recommendation includes $2,000,000 for humanitarian demining and unexploded ordnance clearance activities in areas affected by the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, subject to prior consultation with the Committees on Appropriations.”.

On page 115 of the report, after the paragraph headed “Reintegration assistance” and before the heading “Reports, Central America”, insert the following new paragraph:

“Security assistance.—The Committee directs the Secretary of State to ensure that funds appropriated under International Military Education and Training and Foreign Military Financing Program and made available for assistance for El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras have ongoing oversight and direction from the Department of State to best serve United States foreign policy interests. The Committee further directs close examination of each request to ensure programs and activities are consistent with country and regional strategies. The Secretary of State shall promptly inform the appropriate congressional committees of any information relating to violations of end-use agreements on defense items transferred to such countries or other misuse of such assistance.”.
On page 122 of the report, on line six of the paragraph headed “Dry port”, insert before “Haiti” the following:

“the Dominican Republic or”.

On page 126 of the report, before the paragraph headed “Turkey”, insert the following new paragraph:

“Reconciliation.—The Committee directs the Secretary of State to continue efforts to support the advancement of peace and reconciliation in Ireland.”.

On page 129 of the report, before the paragraph headed “Section 7047 (Countering Russian Influence and Aggression)”, insert the following new paragraph:

“Ukraine elections.—The Committee directs the Secretary of State and the Administrator of USAID to submit a report to the appropriate congressional committees not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act assessing the appropriate conditions needed to hold free, fair, accountable, and transparent elections in Ukraine. The Secretary and Administrator shall consult with independent experts on the content of such report.”.

On page 129 of the report, before the paragraph headed “Industry discrimination”, insert the following new paragraph:
“Briefing requirement.—The Committee is aware that in 2018 Congress banned the knowing slaughter of a dog or cat for human consumption in the United States. Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall brief the Committees on Appropriations on similar steps taken by other countries and the prospects of, and support for, addressing such practices as part of an international agreement.”
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OFFERED BY MS. LEE OF CALIFORNIA

In the bill:

On page 256, strike section 7057 (relating to limitations on global health assistance) and insert the following:

SUPPORT FOR WOMEN’S REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH/
FAMILY PLANNING ACTIVITIES
AND
UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND

SEC. 7057. (a) ASSISTANCE.—Of the funds provided under title III of this Act for fiscal year 2024, not less than $575,000,000 shall be made available for family planning/reproductive health.

(b) CONTRIBUTION TO UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND.—(1) Of the funds made available in this Act for fiscal year 2024, a voluntary contribution may be made to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in order to provide assistance to expand access and use of contraception in developing countries, to furnish maternal and reproductive health care in humanitarian crises, to address the harmful practices of female genital mutilation and child, early and forced marriage, and to prevent obstetric fistula.

(2) Funds appropriated by this Act for UNFPA, that are not made available for UNFPA because of the operation of any provision of law, shall be transferred to the “Global Health Programs” account and shall be made available for family planning, maternal, and reproductive health activities, subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations.

(3) None of the funds made available by this Act may be used by UNFPA for a country program in the People’s Republic of China.

(4) Funds made available by this Act for UNFPA may not be made available unless—
(A) UNFPA maintains funds made available by this Act in an account separate from other accounts of UNFPA and does not commingle such funds with other sums; and

(B) UNFPA does not fund abortions.

(5)(A) Not later than 4 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations indicating the amount of funds that the UNFPA is budgeting for the year in which the report is submitted for a country program in the People’s Republic of China.

(B) If a report under the preceding subparagraph (A) indicates that the UNFPA plans to spend funds for a country program in the People’s Republic of China in the year covered by the report, then the amount of such funds the UNFPA plans to spend in the People’s Republic of China shall be deducted from the funds made available to UNFPA after March 1 for obligation for the remainder of the fiscal year in which the report is submitted.

On page 256, strike all that follows after “(b)” on line 23 through line 25.

In the report:
Make technical and conforming changes.

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On page 3 of the bill, line 22, strike "\$275,000,000" and insert in lieu thereof, "\$300,000,000".

On page 293 of the bill, line 14, strike "\$783,600,000" and insert in lieu thereof, "\$808,600,000".

In the Report make technical and conforming changes.

On page 249 of the bill, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following new subsection:

"(l) INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS.—None of the funds provided by this Act shall be made available to implement or support any international convention, agreement, protocol, legal instrument, or agreed outcome with legal force drafted by the intergovernmental negotiating body of the World Health Assembly or any other United Nations body until such instrument has been subject to
the requirements of article II, section 2, clause 2 of the Constitution of the United States, which requires the advice and consent of the Senate, with two-thirds of Senators concurring.”.

On page 291 of the bill, lines 22 through 25, strike “for minors” each place it occurs.

On page 292 of the bill, line 3, strike, “among minors”.

On page 292 of the bill, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following new subsection:

“(f) None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be obligated or expended to fly or display a flag over a facility of a United States Federal department or agency funded by this Act other than the—

“(1) United States flag;
“(2) Foreign Service flag pursuant to 2 FAM 154.2-1;
“(3) POW/MIA flag;
“(4) flag of a State, insular area, or the District of Columbia at domestic locations;
“(5) flag of an Indian Tribal government; or
“(6) sovereign flag of other countries.”.

AMENDMENTS TO THE REPORT
On page 88 of the report, before the heading “Report”, insert the following new paragraph:

"Countries of particular concern.—If the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom recommends the designation of a country as a country of particular concern (CPC) in its annual report, and such country is not designated as a CPC by the Department of State, the Secretary of State shall provide the rationale for such decision to the appropriate congressional committees within 30 days of such decision.”.

On page 102 of the report, before the paragraph headed “Power Africa”, insert the following new paragraph:

"Nigeria.—The Committee directs increased funding to support religious freedom, human rights, atrocity investigation and documentation, and humanitarian assistance for communities impacted by violence in Nigeria, including through faith-based organizations and nongovernmental organizations from the affected communities.”.

On page 141 of the report, insert before the paragraph headed “Section 7071 (Presidential Permit Reform)” the following new paragraph:

"The Committee directs, pursuant to section 7070(c) of this Act, that no funds appropriated by this Act be made
available for any office, program, or activity for the purposes of supporting, implementing, or otherwise carrying out Executive Order 13985 of January 20, 2021 (relating to advancing racial equity and support for underserved communities through the Federal Government), Executive Order 14035 of June 25, 2021 (relating to diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility in the Federal workforce), or Executive Order 14091 of February 16, 2023 (relating to further advancing racial equity and support for underserved communities through the Federal Government), or for any office, program, or activity for the purposes of diversity, equity, and inclusion training.”
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On page 289, strike section 7070 (relating to Additional Limitations on Operations and Assistance).

Not Adopted
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OFFERED BY MR. ESPAILLAT OF NEW YORK

Strike subsection (k) of section 7029 (page 120, lines 3 through 12).

Strike section 7061 (page 267, line 12 through page 268, line 22) and insert the following:

1 ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMS
2 SEC. 7061. Funds appropriated by this Act may be
3 made available as a contribution, grant, or any other pay-
4 ment towards international climate assistance programs.

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Page 16, line 3, strike “$64,208,000” and insert “$76,208,000”.

Page 16, line 7, strike “$43,500,000” and insert “$65,500,000”.

Page 16, line 9, strike “$35,000,000” and insert “$13,000,000”.

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Halting Funding to the National Endowment for Democracy

Page 20, beginning line 17, strike the heading relating to the "National Endowment for Democracy" and all that follows through page 21, line 2.

Page 35, beginning line 12, strike the proviso relating to the National Endowment for Democracy. Page 133, beginning line 1, strike subsection (b).

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Page 134, line 15, strike "," after "State" and insert "and" after "State"

Page 134, line 16, strike ", and President of the NED"

Page 194, beginning line 2, strike "or the President of the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) for programs administered by NED." And insert ","

Page 216, beginning line 23, strike "the National Endowment for Democracy,"

Page 295, line 17, insert "(increased by $315,000,000)" after the dollar amount.

In the Report, strike pages 34-35 under the heading entitled "National Endowment for Democracy" and replace with the following:

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR DEMOCRACY

The Committee voices serious reservations about the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), a body conceived in the Cold War period that has yet to receive an authorization of appropriation. The Committee is disturbed by allegations that NED has breached the non-partisanship statute under 22 U.S.C. 4414(a) through actions that include suppressing conservative voices, implementing censorship, and employing dynamic exclusion tactics. In light of these severe allegations, the Committee strongly advises that all funding to NED be halted. Moreover, the Committee is deeply concerned by allegations that the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) has provided financial support to entities that have engaged in activities unbecoming of American values, such as blacklisting and efforts to silence conservative online platforms. These actions starkly contradict the principles of free speech and open discourse, which are cornerstones of the United States. As such, the Committee disassociates itself from any further financial backing of any entity that partakes in such unconstitutional activities. It is wholly unacceptable for taxpayer funds to be channeled towards endeavors so diametrically opposed to the foundational principles of our nation.