

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5300
OFFERED BY MR. MAST OF FLORIDA

Page 43, beginning line 15, strike section 226 (and redesignate accordingly).

Page 116, strike line 25 and insert “after ‘international bridge’;”.

Page 166, beginning line 10, strike section 501 (and redesignate accordingly).

Page 172, beginning line 15, strike section 505 (and redesignate accordingly).

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

1 SEC. ____ . CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT
2 FOR PURCHASES THROUGH RESIDENTIAL
3 DESIGN PROGRAM.

4 (a) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION REQUIRE-
5 MENT.—Not later than 15 days before the obligation of
6 funds for any single purchase of art, furnishings, or design
7 elements exceeding \$37,500 under any residential design
8 program administered by the Bureau of Overseas Build-
9 ings Operations, the Secretary shall submit a notification

1 to the appropriate congressional committees that in-
2 cludes—

3 (1) a description of the item or items to be pur-
4 chased;

5 (2) the purpose and location of the purchase;

6 (3) the estimated cost; and

7 (4) the source of funds.

8 (b) RESIDENTIAL DESIGN PROGRAM DEFINED.—In
9 this section, the term “residential design program” means
10 any program administered by the Bureau of Overseas
11 Buildings Operations for the design, furnishing, or decora-
12 tion of representational residences or chief-of-mission resi-
13 dences.

14 **SEC. ____ . CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT**
15 **FOR PURCHASES UNDER THE CULTURAL**
16 **HERITAGE PROGRAM.**

17 (a) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION REQUIRE-
18 MENT.—Not later than 15 days before the obligation of
19 funds for any single project, acquisition, or commissioning
20 of art, design, or restoration services exceeding \$37,500
21 under the Cultural Heritage Program administered by the
22 Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations, the Secretary
23 shall submit a notification to the appropriate congres-
24 sional committees that includes—

1 (1) a description of the project, item, or items
2 to be funded;

3 (2) the purpose and location of the activity;

4 (3) the estimated cost; and

5 (4) the source of funds.

6 (b) CULTURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM DEFINED.—In
7 this section, the term “Cultural Heritage Program” means
8 the program administered by the Bureau of Overseas
9 Buildings Operations that supports the preservation, res-
10 toration, or enhancement of culturally significant ele-
11 ments, artwork, or architecture at United States diplo-
12 matic facilities.

13 **SEC. ____ . CONSOLIDATION OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE FI-**
14 **NANCIAL MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS INTO**
15 **THE BUREAU OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT.**

16 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall imple-
17 ment the reorganization of the Department’s financial
18 management functions by consolidating relevant per-
19 sonnel, responsibilities, and resources into the Bureau of
20 Financial Management, as outlined in the Department’s
21 reorganization and modernization plans.

22 (b) CONSOLIDATION OF FINANCIAL PERSONNEL AND
23 FUNCTIONS.—To strengthen internal controls, increase
24 operational efficiency, and eliminate duplication, the Sec-
25 retary shall transfer all financial management personnel,

1 systems, and responsibilities from bureaus and offices
2 within the Department to the Bureau of Financial Man-
3 agement. This includes functions related to budgeting, ac-
4 counting, financial reporting, audit compliance, internal
5 controls, procurement payment processing, and disburse-
6 ment operations.

7 **SEC. ____ . PERMANENT EXTENSION OF ART IN EMBASSIES**
8 **CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.**

9 Section 5112 of the National Defense Authorization
10 Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–80; 135 Stat.
11 2350) is amended—

12 (1) by striking subsection (c); and

13 (2) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
14 section (c).

15 **SEC. ____ . SUNSET FOR SPECIAL FUNDING REPORTING RE-**
16 **QUIREMENTS.**

17 (a) **SUNSET CLAUSE REQUIRED FOR NEW SPECIAL**
18 **FUNDING REPORTS.**—Any new requirement for the De-
19 partment to submit a report to Congress relating to the
20 use of special or supplemental funding enacted after the
21 date of enactment of this Act shall include a sunset clause
22 terminating such reporting requirement not later than 3
23 years after the initial submission deadline, unless other-
24 wise specified by Congress.

1 (b) REVIEW OF EXISTING REPORTING REQUIRE-
2 MENTS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enact-
3 ment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the appro-
4 priate congressional committees a review of all current
5 congressionally mandated reporting requirements relating
6 to special or supplemental funding, identifying—

7 (1) reports that have fulfilled their intended
8 oversight purpose and may be sunset or consoli-
9 dated;

10 (2) the original purpose and status of each re-
11 quirement; and

12 (3) any recommendations for the repeal , modi-
13 fication, or sunset of such reporting requirements.

14 (c) DEFINITION.—For the purposes of this section,
15 the term “special or supplemental funding” means any
16 funds appropriated outside of the Department’s base
17 budget, including but not limited to emergency appropria-
18 tions, special purpose allocations, and one-time initiatives.

19 **SEC. ____.** **STRATEGY TO RESTORE STABILITY TO THE**
20 **WESTERN BALKANS.**

21 (a) STRATEGY.—The Assistant Secretary for Euro-
22 pean and Eurasian Affairs shall develop a strategy to re-
23 store stability to the Western Balkans, which shall—

24 (1) prioritize the assignment of United States
25 Ambassadors to countries in the Balkans, including

1 to the governments of Montenegro, Kosovo, and
2 Bosnia and Herzegovina;

3 (2) include policy recommendations regarding
4 how the United States may support the government
5 of Kosovo's independence and future membership in
6 the North Atlantic Treaty Organization ("NATO");

7 (3) include policy recommendations to encour-
8 age the government of Serbia to reduce or cease
9 strategic engagement with the governments of the
10 Russian Federation and the People's Republic of
11 China ("PRC");

12 (4) include an identification and assessment of
13 areas of cooperation between the government of Ser-
14 bia and the governments of the Russian Federation,
15 the PRC, and the Islamic Republic of Iran, includ-
16 ing strategic collaboration in the technology and se-
17 curity sectors;

18 (5) include a plan for the use of visa, banking,
19 and other sanctions to address the actions of individ-
20 uals or entities in the Western Balkans that may be
21 supporting the interests of the PRC, Russian Fed-
22 eration, and the Islamic Republic of Iran, or ob-
23 structing peace and regional stability efforts led by
24 the United States;

1 (6) include a plan to assess whether the Office
2 of the High Representative has failed to uphold the
3 principles and obligations set forth in the General
4 Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and
5 Herzegovina, commonly known as the “Dayton
6 Agreement” or the “Dayton Accords”;

7 (7) include a plan and review of United States
8 economic and security assistance to Bosnia and
9 Herzegovina, with the aim of supporting the coun-
10 try’s progress toward national sovereignty and self-
11 reliance;

12 (8) encourage the European Union to strength-
13 en the European Union Force Bosnia and
14 Herzegovina to ensure proper enforcement of the
15 Dayton Agreement;

16 (9) build a coalition of willing countries to pro-
17 tect peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina;

18 (10) include a plan to enhance regional energy
19 security in the Western Balkans, which shall include
20 the potential expansion of Croatia’s pipeline network
21 in the Balkans and efforts to replace Russian energy
22 with energy from other sources;

23 (11) prioritize support and cooperation for Eu-
24 ropean energy, transportation, and digital infra-
25 structure, as well as regional economic development

1 by utilizing the Three Seas Initiative founded by Po-
2 land and Croatia;

3 (12) include a review of the effectiveness and
4 potential expansion of the A3 agreement as a foun-
5 dation for future stabilizing agreements in the re-
6 gion;

7 (13) identify potential areas where the United
8 States may support the European Union accession
9 process in the countries of Montenegro and Albania;

10 (14) determine the efficacy of potential sanc-
11 tions targeting individuals and entities who under-
12 mine stability in the Western Balkans, as well as the
13 effect of delaying further sanctions relief for Naftna
14 Industrija Srbije and Gazprom;

15 (15) include a plan for the Secretary of State,
16 in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, to ad-
17 vance policy and operational efforts with NATO to
18 counter hybrid warfare in the Western Balkans re-
19 gion;

20 (16) support the ongoing implementation of the
21 Millenium Challenge Corporation compact with
22 Kosovo, which advances the safety, economic devel-
23 opment, and prosperity of both the American people
24 and the people of Kosovo through strategic invest-

1 ments that promote business growth and regional
2 stability;

3 (17) recognize and support Albania's continued
4 progress to enhance its cybersecurity infrastructure
5 in response to threats posed by state and non-state
6 actors, including those originating from Iran, as a
7 model for advancing cybersecurity resilience and re-
8 gional stability across the Western Balkans;

9 (18) enhance bilateral cooperation between the
10 United States and Albania to strengthen Albania's
11 criminal justice system, improve law enforcement
12 and investigative capacities, and disrupt Albanian
13 organized criminal networks that enable
14 transnational criminal organizations, including in
15 South America, to traffic fentanyl and other illicit
16 narcotics into the United States;

17 (19) encourage the Albania and Kosovo to de-
18 velop and expand their respective defense industrial
19 bases, and to increase their national defense spend-
20 ing in alignment with NATO funding goals;

21 (20) include an affirmation of the strategic im-
22 portance of the continued presence of United States
23 military forces in Kosovo, as a vital pillar of security
24 and stability in the Western Balkans; and

1 (21) continue the implementation of the Export
2 Control and Related Border Security program in
3 Kosovo, including the provision of non-intrusive in-
4 spection technologies such as scanners to the Kosovo
5 Customs Service for deployment at the Merdare bor-
6 der crossing with Serbia, to prevent the trafficking
7 of illicit weapons.

8 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after enactment
9 of this Act, the Assistant Secretary for European and
10 Eurasian Affairs shall submit to the appropriate congres-
11 sional committees a report that contains the strategy re-
12 quired in subsection (a).

13 **SEC. ____ . EXTENSION OF THE SUNSET OF THE BURMA ACT.**

14 Section 5574 of the Burma Unified through Rigorous
15 Military Accountability Act of 2022 (subtitle E of title LV
16 of division E of the James M. Inhofe National Defense
17 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023; 22 U.S.C. 10225)
18 is amended by striking “8 years” and inserting “10
19 years”.

20 **SEC. ____ . INDO-PACIFIC SECURITY COOPERATION PER-**
21 **FORMANCE REVIEW ACT.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
23 date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for
24 3 years, the Secretary, in consultation with the Bureau
25 of Political-Military Affairs, shall submit to the appro-

1 priate congressional committees a report on how to
2 strengthen strategic alignment, performance oversight,
3 and congressional accountability of United States security
4 cooperation in the Indo-Pacific.

5 (b) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—The report re-
6 quired by subsection (a) shall include—

7 (1) the establishment of reporting requirements,
8 outcome metrics, and access assessments for all rel-
9 evant programs, including defense transfers, train-
10 ing, and regional basing and overflight agreements;

11 (2) a comprehensive framework to enhance se-
12 curity cooperation, expand basing access, facilitate
13 overflight permissions, and increase defense inter-
14 operability with allies and partners in the Indo-Pa-
15 cific region;

16 (3) a classified section for the performance
17 metrics for—

18 (A) with respect to defense capability
19 transfers—

20 (i) the quantity and dollar value of de-
21 fense articles or services transferred, deliv-
22 ered, or contracted;

23 (ii) the number of co-developed or co-
24 produced systems initiated or fielded with
25 Taiwan; and

1 (iii) the lead times and delivery
2 timelines for arms ordered by regional
3 partners and allies; and

4 (B) with respect to military training and
5 education—

6 (i) the number of annual United
7 States-led bilateral or multilateral military
8 training events;

9 (ii) the number of Indo-Pacific allied
10 or partnered military or civilian personnel
11 who participated in United States-led or
12 co-led training programs; and

13 (iii) a nation-by-nation breakdown of
14 personnel participating in each specific
15 program, including—

16 (I) the duration of each program;

17 (II) the scope of the training;

18 and

19 (III) an assessment of interoper-
20 ability improvements with United
21 States forces as a result of such train-
22 ing; and

23 (4) a comprehensive update for each element
24 described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of para-
25 graph (3), detailing—

1 (A) specific delays or complications related
2 to United States arms sales including—

3 (i) licensing;

4 (ii) contracting; or

5 (iii) interagency coordination; and

6 (B) proposals to—

7 (i) strengthen or streamline security
8 cooperation tools;

9 (ii) improve access negotiations; or

10 (iii) accelerate delivery timelines.

11 (c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of the report re-
12 quired by this section, the term “United States security
13 cooperation in the Indo-Pacific” includes—

14 (1) Foreign Military Sales;

15 (2) Foreign Military Financing;

16 (3) Direct Commercial Sales;

17 (4) International Military Education and Train-
18 ing;

19 (5) bilateral or multilateral defense cooperation
20 agreements; and

21 (6) basing access, logistics, and overflight
22 agreements negotiated by the Department.

1 **SEC. ____ . PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR FACILITIES**
2 **IN ISRAEL, JERUSALEM, OR WEST BANK.**

3 Section 414 of the Omnibus Diplomatic Security and
4 Antiterrorism Act of 1986 is repealed.

5 **SEC. ____ . RESTORING COMMERCIAL DIPLOMACY TO THE**
6 **DEPARTMENT.**

7 (a) STRATEGY.—The Assistant Secretary for Com-
8 mercial Diplomacy shall develop a strategy, in consultation
9 with non-Federal organizations and relevant Federal de-
10 partments and agencies, to increase the effectiveness and
11 efficiency of commercial diplomacy programs and per-
12 sonnel managed by the Department. The strategy shall in-
13 clude—

14 (1) the creation of a dedicated cadre of at least
15 350 current employees of the Department, including
16 both members of the Foreign Service and Civil Serv-
17 ice, to serve as “Commercial Diplomacy Officers” at
18 United States presence posts overseas;

19 (2) the expansion of commercial diplomacy
20 training offered by the Foreign Service Institute in-
21 cluding a training program specifically designed to
22 support the Commercial Diplomacy Officers identi-
23 fied in paragraph (1);

24 (3) the rules and regulations that will establish
25 and sustain a dedicated workforce of Commercial
26 Diplomacy Officers at the Department, wholly dis-

1 tinct from the Foreign Service, prioritizing lateral-
2 entry opportunities and prior related experience in
3 the private sector;

4 (4) a staffing pattern that expands the cadre of
5 Commercial Diplomacy Officers from not less than
6 350 to 500 not later than 3 years after the date of
7 the enactment of this Act;

8 (5) the establishment of a Commercial Diplo-
9 macy Officer career path, that recognizes commer-
10 cial diplomacy as a unique skillset, rewards Commer-
11 cial Diplomacy Officers that develop specialization in
12 commercial diplomacy, and provides opportunities to
13 reach senior leadership positions within the Depart-
14 ment;

15 (6) a rotational cycle that deploys Commercial
16 Diplomacy Officers abroad, prioritizing placement at
17 United States presence posts where either market
18 entry for United States companies serves United
19 States national security interests or foreign adver-
20 saries threaten to crowd out United States compa-
21 nies;

22 (7) a clear definition of the goals and objectives
23 for Commercial Diplomacy Officers, emphasizing
24 that the Commercial Diplomacy Officer cadre exists

1 to align commercial and foreign policy interests
2 more closely, including—

3 (A) encouraging and facilitating market
4 entry of United States companies abroad;

5 (B) reducing regulatory barriers that pre-
6 vent market entry of United States companies
7 abroad;

8 (C) exercising the full complement of diplo-
9 matic leverage to make United States compa-
10 nies more competitive in foreign markets;

11 (D) diversifying international supply
12 chains to reduce dependency on foreign adver-
13 saries;

14 (E) encouraging near-shoring and friend-
15 shoring of sectors deemed to be in the national
16 security interest of the United States; and

17 (F) complementing other Department ef-
18 forts, especially those directed by the Office for
19 Strategic Currency Diplomacy and the Bureau
20 of Sanctions Policy; and

21 (8) a detailed budget estimating the costs asso-
22 ciated with the establishment of a Commercial Di-
23 plomacy Officer cadre at the Department of State
24 consistent with the requirements described in para-
25 graphs (1) through (7).

1 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
2 of the enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary for
3 Commercial Diplomacy shall submit to the appropriate
4 congressional committees a report that contains the strat-
5 egy required in subsection (a).

