

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1186

To amend the Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017 to modify the biannual report on overseas capital construction projects.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 24, 2023

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

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## 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Embassy Construction  
5 Accountability Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATIONS TO BIANNUAL REPORT ON OVER-**  
7 **SEAS CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 118 of  
9 the Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year  
10 2017 (Public Law 114–323; 22 U.S.C. 304) is amended—

1           (1) by striking “and the Committees on Appro-  
2           propriations” and inserting “, the Committees on Ap-  
3           propriations”; and

4           (2) by inserting after “House of Representa-  
5           tives,” the following: “, and the Committee on  
6           Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the  
7           Senate and the Committee on Oversight and Ac-  
8           countability of the House of Representatives”.

9           (b) CONTENTS.—Subsection (b) of such section is  
10          amended—

11           (1) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end be-  
12           fore the period the following: “and, when the current  
13           cost estimate exceeds the initial cost estimate by 15  
14           percent or more, an explanation of the causal or con-  
15           tributing factors resulting in the increased estimated  
16           cost, as well as how the Department plans to miti-  
17           gate the risk of further potential cost increases”;  
18           and

19           (2) by adding at the end the following:

20           “(10) If the current date of estimated comple-  
21           tion reported under paragraph (9) exceeds the date  
22           of estimated completion reported under paragraph  
23           (8) by 180 days or more, a description of the causal  
24           or contributing factors that resulted in the revised  
25           estimated completion date, as well as how the De-

1       partment plans to mitigate the operational impacts  
2       of the delay.

3               “(11) Whether the Department has issued a  
4       stop-work order or suspension-of-work order on any  
5       component or subset of the project, the expected du-  
6       ration of any such order, and the justification for  
7       any such order.”.

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