

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8779

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 9, 2022

Mr. LYNCH 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 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 2022”.

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 Reform
8 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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