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Amendments to H.R. 3081— The FY2010 State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act

H.R. 3081, the FY 2010 State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act (sponsored by *Rep. Lowey, D-NY*), is scheduled to be considered on the House floor on Thursday, July 9, 2009 under a restrictive *structured rule* ([H.Res. 617](#)) that provides one hour of general debate, and waives all points of order against the bill’s consideration, except for clauses 9 (the earmark rule) and 10 (PAYGO) of Rule XXI. The rule also waives points of order against the bill itself for failures to comply with various rules for appropriations bills (such as prohibitions on appropriating funds to unauthorized programs).

The rule prohibits re-votes on amendments and allows the Chair to reduce to two minutes the time for electronic voting. Only the Appropriations Committee Chairman or his designee could offer a motion that the Committee of the Whole rise (i.e. stop considering amendments). The Minority would get one motion to recommit the bill, with or without instructions.

The structured rule divides the amendments made in order as follows:

- PART A: One manager’s amendment
- PART B: Seven perfecting amendments

Each amendment in each part is debatable for ten minutes equally divided.

Total amendments submitted to the Rules Committee: **89**

Total allowed under this restrictive rule: **8**

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PART A MANAGER’S AMENDMENT

I. Lowey (D-NY). Manager’s Amendment. The amendment *increases* funding (compared to the base bill) for the following programs as follows:

- Overseas Programs (State Department), \$300,000.
- Capital Investment Fund, \$25.3 million.
- Office of Inspector General (Department of State), \$2 million.
- Office of Inspector General (United States Agency for International Development), \$10 million.
- Development Assistance, \$25 million.
- Democracy Fund, \$10 million.

The amendment *decreases* funding (compared to the base bill) for the following programs as follows:

- Civilian Stabilization Initiative, \$28 million.

Within the \$100 million provided for the Office of the Inspector General, the amendment increases funding by \$2 million for the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction (currently funded at \$23 million), and \$2 million for the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (currently funded at \$23 million). The amendment prohibits Foreign Military Financing Program funding from going to assistance for the government of Sri Lanka. The amendment also prohibits funds made available from being used for first-class travel by employees of agencies funded by the bill.

PART B

PERFECTING AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER UNDER THE RULE

- 1. Broun (R-GA).** Reduces all appropriations in the bill by 5% across-the-board.
- 2. Buyer (R-IN).** Provides a funding level equivalent to FY 2009 for Diplomatic and Consular Programs, saving taxpayers \$1.2 billion; provides a funding level equivalent to FY 2009 for the U.S. Agency for International Development, saving taxpayers \$330 million; and provides a funding level equivalent to FY 2009 for the Global Health and Child Survival account, saving taxpayers \$670 million.
- 3. Flake (R-AZ).** Prohibits funds in the bill from being used for “a one-time special educational, professional, and cultural exchange grant grants program,” and reduces the relevant funding account by \$8 million.
- 4. Granger (R-TX).** Prohibits funds in the bill from being used to negotiate any agreement in contravention of section 1626 or 1627 of the International Financial Institutions Act; section 1112 or 1403 of the FY 2009 Supplemental Appropriations Act; or section 1404 of the FY 2009 Supplemental Appropriations Act. According to the sponsor’s office, these provisions, among other things, require the U.S. to oppose IMF loans to countries that are supporters of terrorism. The President issued a signing statement when he signed the FY 2009 supplemental into law saying he would ignore these provisions—and this amendment is intended to require that they be enforced.

5. Lewis (R-CA). Limits the amount that this legislation would otherwise increase spending by *reducing* total appropriations in the legislation by \$505.9 million. If adopted, the base bill would still increase spending compared to FY 2009 by almost \$12 billion.

6. Stearns (R-FL). Provides a funding level for the Peace Corps equivalent to President Obama's request, saving taxpayers \$76.6 million. If this amendment were adopted, the Peace Corps would still receive a \$34 million or 10.0% increase compared to last year.

7. Weiner (D-NY). Strikes the requirement in the underlying bill that the President certify "*that Saudi Arabia is fully cooperating with efforts to combat international terrorism and such assistance will facilitate these efforts*" in order for Saudi Arabia to receive funding under the bill. The effect of this provision is to prohibit Saudi Arabia from receiving funds under this bill.

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