

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To authorize the Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues to implement programs to eliminate sex-selection abortion, coercive abortion, and involuntary sterilization, and to prohibit the use of funds available to the Department of State for the activities of the Office for Global Women's Issues, including funds appropriated for Diplomatic and Consular Programs, to attempt to alter abortion laws in foreign countries, with limited exceptions.

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To authorize certain authorities by the Department of State,
and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. WICKER

Viz:

- 1 On page 84, line 5, strike "(f)" and insert the fol-
- 2 lowing:
- 3 (f) ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS TO ELIMINATE CO-
- 4 ERCIVE ABORTION.—In addition to the duties described
- 5 in subsection (c), the Ambassador is authorized to design,
- 6 support, and implement activities and programs to elimi-

1 nate sex-selection abortion, coercive abortion, and involun-
2 tary sterilization.

3 (g) NON-INTERVENTION CONCERNING ABORTION.—

4 (1) CONGRESSIONAL DECLARATION.—Congress
5 recognizes that countries adhere to a diversity of
6 cultural, religious, and legal traditions regarding the
7 deliberate abortion of the human fetus.

8 (2) PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES.—None of the
9 funds available to the Department of State for the
10 activities of the Office for Global Women’s Issues,
11 including funds appropriated for Diplomatic and
12 Consular Programs, may be used to—

13 (A) engage in any activity or effort to alter
14 the laws or policies in effect in any foreign
15 country concerning the circumstances under
16 which abortion is permitted, regulated, or pro-
17 hibited; or

18 (B) support any resolution or other docu-
19 ment, or participate in any activity of a multi-
20 lateral organization or other entity, that criti-
21 cizes or seeks to alter such laws or policies in
22 foreign countries.

23 (3) RULE OF STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—

24 Nothing in this subsection may be construed to pre-
25 vent—

1 (A) funding or activities to treat injuries
2 or illnesses caused by legal or illegal abortions;
3 or

4 (B) agencies or officers of the United
5 States from engaging in activities in opposition
6 to sex-selection abortion or policies of coercive
7 abortion or involuntary sterilization.

8 (h)