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1 The committee met, pursuant to notice, at 4:37 p.m., in Room S-116, The Capitol,
2 Hon. Bob Corker, chairman of the committee, presiding.

3 Present: Senators Corker [presiding], Risch, Rubio, Johnson, Flake, Gardner,
4 Young, Barrasso, Isakson, Portman, Paul, Menendez, Cardin, Shaheen, Murphy, Kaine,
5 Markey, Merkley, and Booker.

OPENING STATEMENT OF HON. BOB CORKER, U.S. SENATOR FROM TENNESSEE

6 **THE CHAIRMAN.** The Senate Foreign Relations Committee will come to order. I
7 want to thank everybody for being here.

8 On the front end, I have had the tremendous privilege of working with two
9 outstanding Democratic leaders on the committee. It has been a hand-in-glove
10 relationship. We have worked for the betterment of our country.

11 Senator Cardin, you were a great ranking member.

12 And Senator Menendez has been a great chairman and a great ranking member.

13 Have you been ranking member or were you just chairman?

14 **SENATOR MENENDEZ.** I was, for a little while.

1 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Okay. I want to welcome you back.

2 **SENATOR MENENDEZ.** I like it better as chairman.

3 [Laughter.]

4 **THE CHAIRMAN.** For what it's worth, I do, too.

5 [Laughter.]

6 **THE CHAIRMAN.** So we welcome you. And I want to thank both of you for the
7 way you and your staffs have worked with us throughout, and everyone here on the
8 committee.

9 I also want to take a personal note to thank Sarah Downs, who has been here
10 since the fall of 2013. She is our senior counsel. She is the one that arranges all the
11 nominations and, obviously, our business meetings. She is going to be leaving
12 tomorrow, hopefully.

13 [Laughter.]

14 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Not what was meant, but she is going to be Senior Adviser to
15 the Ambassador to France. Tough assignment.

16 [Laughter.]

17 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Anyway, we thank you for all of your tremendous work. We
18 are going to miss you, and we wish you well. I know you are both excited and
19 probably a little anxious, but congratulations.

20 [Applause.]

1 **THE CHAIRMAN.** All right, today, we are going to consider five pieces of
2 legislation and two nominations. We will consider S. 2286, the Nick Castle Peace Corps
3 Reform Act of 2018.

4 Five years ago today, former Peace Corps volunteer Nick Castle passed away
5 while serving in China. His tragic death was preventable. The proper health care
6 regulations were not followed.

7 After meeting with his parents 2 years ago, I worked with Nick's Senators,
8 Senators Boxer and Feinstein, along with Senators Isakson and Coons, on the Nick
9 Castle Peace Corps Reform Act. The bill addresses the shortfalls that led to Nick's
10 passing, increases transparency and accountability at the Peace Corps, and enhances the
11 care volunteers receive while serving and after they return.

12 I want to thank Senator Cardin for his work on the amendment, and I urge all of
13 you to support this important and long overdue improvement to the Peace Corps.

14 We will also consider S. 2060, the Burma Human Rights and Freedom Act. I
15 would like to thank Senators McCain and Cardin for introducing this bill to help focus a
16 comprehensive U.S. strategy toward Burma, including directly addressing the
17 unfolding humanitarian crisis. This bill will help balance engagement with the
18 Government of Burma while simultaneously holding the military accountable for
19 human rights violations.

1 I would like to thank Senator Cardin and his staff for working with us on the
2 substitute amendment.

3 We will consider S. Res. 92, Expressing concern over the disappearance of David
4 Sneddon. I want to convey my sympathy to his family for the ongoing uncertainty
5 about their son. The resolution calls for continued investigations into David's
6 disappearance.

7 H.R. 1625, or the TARGET Act, is also on today's agenda. I would like to thank
8 Chairman Royce for his continued efforts to eliminate human trafficking and to make
9 clear that the Transnational Organized Crime Rewards Program is available to those
10 who provide information leading to the arrest and conviction of human traffickers.

11 Next, we will consider H.R. 535, the Taiwan Travel Act. Taiwan is a good friend
12 and partner of the United States. It is critical that we continue to support official
13 engagements between the U.S. and Taiwan on issues of mutual interest.

14 I want to thank Senators Rubio, Menendez, and Gardner for their support of this
15 important and timely bipartisan legislation.

16 Finally, we will consider the nominations of Peter Vrooman to be Ambassador to
17 Rwanda and Eric Ueland to be Under Secretary of State for Management.

18 Senator Menendez, do you have any comments you would like to make?

**STATEMENT OF HON. BOB MENENDEZ,
U.S. SENATOR FROM NEW JERSEY**

1 **SENATOR MENENDEZ.** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Let me just take a moment
2 and say I am pleased to be here with you today and the rest of the committee. I look
3 forward to a productive year, and I am confident, as we have seen in the past, that we
4 can work together to address pressing issues in front of the committee, including on
5 challenges around the globe, as well as robustly fulfilling our responsibility to oversight
6 of the Department of State.

7 And before I speak to that, I just want to take a moment to thank Senator Cardin,
8 who did an exceptional job as the ranking member for the last 2 years. I appreciate his
9 steadfast efforts, his constant voicing of Democratic concerns about our foreign policy,
10 as well as about the State Department. And he did it with aplomb and integrity and
11 dignity.

12 And, Ben, I want to thank you very much for that period of time, so thank you.

13 [Applause.]

14 **SENATOR MENENDEZ.** Before just going to the agenda, Mr. Chairman, I want to
15 take a minute to note that, last week, owing to arbitrary staffing cuts and confusing
16 management, there is now currently only one -- one -- career ambassador left at the
17 State Department. With the myriad challenges we face in the world, it is
18 unconscionable that the administration has left so many nominations for critical
19 positions vacant. And it is ultimately dangerous to our long-term national security

1 interests to have a depleted cadre of seasoned, experienced public servants promoting
2 our interests abroad.

3 And while I may not always have seen eye-to-eye on every issue with Tom
4 Shannon, he dedicated nearly 35 years of his life to serving his country and to
5 promoting the interests of Americans and American values abroad. I want to thank
6 him for his service.

7 But I am deeply concerned that we have only now one in that category. So I
8 hope that we can move to get the administration to robustly begin to power up at the
9 State Department, because if we want peaceful tools to be used instead of the necessity
10 of force, then we need a robust foreign diplomacy, and that is undertaken by the State
11 Department.

12 With reference to the bills, the McCain-Cardin Burma bill, it is a direct response
13 to the genocide and crimes against humanity that have taken place against the
14 Rohingya in Burma, and it is a great piece of legislation. I want to thank Senator Cardin
15 and Senator McCain for introducing it, and you for taking it up.

16 We have an opportunity to show the world and, in particular, the Burmese
17 military that the United States will not ignore these atrocities.

18 Mr. Chairman, your Peace Corps bill makes important steps to address the
19 critical safety issues faced by Peace Corps volunteers, as tragically evident, as you said,

1 by the case of Nick Castle and Kate Puzey. And I want to congratulate you and Senator
2 Feinstein for your leadership on this issue.

3 I support Chairman Royce's TARGET Act, which addresses human trafficking.
4 The State Department's program has proven a valuable tool in fighting transnational
5 crime, and adding human trafficking to the list of eligible crimes, that will allow us to
6 leverage this program to bring human traffickers to justice.

7 As an original cosponsor of the Taiwan Travel bill, I want to thank Senator Rubio
8 for his leadership. Our commitment to the people of Taiwan is vital to our national
9 security interests, our bonds are bound by shared interests and shared common values,
10 including democracy, human rights, the rule of law, and a free market economy.

11 I appreciate Senator Lee and Senator Coons for their important resolution in
12 addressing David Sneddon, tragically, who has been missing now for almost 14 years.
13 We know that North Korea is believed to have kidnapped nationals from at least 12
14 countries. While we cannot say with confidence that North Korea abducted Mr.
15 Sneddon, this resolution directs the State Department and the intelligence community
16 to, among other things, coordinate investigations with the governments of China, Japan,
17 and South Korea.

18 Finally, regarding the nominations on the agenda, I am pleased that we are
19 considering the nomination of Peter Vrooman, an experienced and accomplished
20 Foreign Service Officer with extensive experience in the region. He has served multiple

1 tours of duty in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Washington, and I fully support his
2 nomination to be the Ambassador to Rwanda.

3 I will be voting no on Mr. Ueland's nomination today, just as I did last year.

4 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

5 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Thank you.

6 Yes, sir?

7 **SENATOR ISAKSON.** Mr. Chairman, could I ask unanimous consent I be added
8 as original cosponsor of the Nick Castle bill?

9 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Absolutely.

10 **SENATOR ISAKSON.** And also acknowledge Senator Cardin, Senator Coons, and
11 Senator Boxer for their help. That bill and the Kate Puzey bill, which is the original bill
12 that the Nick Castle bill builds on, improves the health care, the safety, and the security
13 for our Peace Corps volunteers.

14 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Absolutely.

15 Without objection, you are added.

16 **SENATOR MURPHY.** Mr. Chairman, same request that I be added as a
17 cosponsor.

18 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Senator Murphy, without objection.

19 What I would like to do, because of the numbers we now have, is move to the
20 nominations first, if there is no objection to that.

1 **SENATOR CARDIN.** Chairman, I just want to make one comment.

2 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Okay.

3 **SENATOR CARDIN.** I am lifting my hold on the nomination of Carlos Trujillo.
4 He has already passed our committee, but I had a hold on the floor.

5 The reason for the hold was that I had requested from the State Department
6 information concerning their TPS decisions by the different host embassies, particularly
7 as it relates to El Salvador and Haiti. And I just really want to report to the committee
8 that the State Department made that information available.

9 I had a chance to review it, and I hope that we will be talking about that, because
10 I think it is very informative as to the importance of the extension of TPS in regard to
11 those countries, and we will have a chance to talk about that at a later point.

12 But, Mr. Trujillo, who I supported when he passed the committee, I hope that the
13 nomination can now be --

14 **SENATOR RUBIO.** May I just have 30 seconds?

15 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Yes.

16 **SENATOR RUBIO.** I want to thank you for that, and I respect your prerogative.
17 We have all had to use that tool in the past.

18 I think it is important, to the extent possible, Mr. Chairman, that we try to get
19 that nomination, because the Summit of the Americas is upcoming in April and at a

1 critical time in the Western Hemisphere, and it will be important to have an
2 Ambassador to the OAS previous to that.

3 So yesterday, the dictator in Venezuela announced he will be attending, which
4 should be interesting, especially if Interpol is in town for his visit. So I think it is
5 important the U.S. have a presence there.

6 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Duly noted. Thank you.

7 What we will now do, if it is all right, is move to the nomination of Peter
8 Vrooman, Ambassador to Rwanda. It is my understanding we can take a voice vote on
9 this.

10 All in favor, say aye.

11 [Chorus of ayes.]

12 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Opposed?

13 [No response.]

14 **THE CHAIRMAN.** He will pass out to the floor.

15 And then we have Mr. Ueland, who has been before us in the past.

16 Yes, ma'am?

17 **SENATOR SHAHEEN.** I would like to speak to Mr. Ueland.

18 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Okay.

19 **SENATOR SHAHEEN.** I intend to vote no on this nomination.

1 As we all know, he has a very important role at the State Department in
2 determining day-to-day operations and control over resources that are allocated to the
3 State Department. When I asked him in the hearing how he viewed his responsibility in
4 that role to do what Congress authorized him to do, I was not happy with the answer I
5 got.

6 And while he has in a later written response given an answer that acknowledges
7 he understands his responsibility to actually use the resources that are allocated to him
8 by Congress, I think his initial response raised real questions. So I intend to vote no.

9 And beyond that, Mr. Chairman, this seems to be a pattern that we are seeing in
10 this administration. We are seeing it with the Russian Sanctions Act and in some other
11 areas, that if they don't like what Congress has done or resources that we have
12 allocated, their response has been, in some cases, to not use those resources at all and to
13 ignore what Congress has asked of the administration.

14 And I think we have an oversight responsibility. I know you take it very
15 seriously. I am sure all the other members of this committee do. And I think it is up to
16 us to ensure that, when we give a directive or resources, we also have a responsibility to
17 ensure that those actually are spent in the way that they are directed.

18 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Duly noted. We have been aware of that for some time. Thank
19 you for voicing that.

20 And if we could move to a voice vote with recorded noes?

1 All in favor, say aye.

2 [Chorus of ayes.]

3 **THE CHAIRMAN.** All opposed?

4 [Chorus of noes.]

5 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Could I just say that everybody on this side of the aisle is voting
6 no? Is that okay?

7 So the recording secretary understands that every Member on the Democratic
8 side has voted no, and it is recorded that way, it would be appreciated.

9 Thank you all so much for letting us do it in that manner. I appreciate the
10 cooperation very much.

11 So first, we are going to consider S. 2286, the Nick Castle Peace Corps Reform Act
12 of 2018.

13 Would you like to make a comment, an additional comment, Senator Menendez?
14 Anyone else?

15 **SENATOR YOUNG.** Mr. Chairman, I promise I will keep it short.

16 But we have an oversight responsibility that was just articulated. Of course, we
17 have a legislative responsibility on this committee as well. I commend you, Mr.
18 Chairman, for trying to build out the authorities bill and get our muscle memory going
19 on this committee.

20 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Thank you.

1 SENATOR YOUNG. I think you have done everything conceivable to make that
2 happen.

3 I want to commend Ben for your constructive leadership when you were in the
4 top chair there.

5 And, Bob, I think you made a number of suggestions I actually agreed with to try
6 to broaden the scope and making more directive our authorities. I supported every one
7 of your amendments to do so.

8 It is regrettable. I understand the reason we are not moving forward with an
9 authorities bill, however, is because there are some holds that have been placed on it. I
10 cannot conceive of an NDAA being held up on account of holds.

11 My hope would be that, moving forward, if we can work through these things
12 together and start to legislate in a really big, sort of authorizing way -- I have my own
13 priorities. GAO recommendations, making sure they are implemented, shouldn't be
14 controversial, an NDDS supported in a bipartisan way.

15 So there are some options that are pretty obvious to us. When unanimous
16 consent is not a possibility, then collectively, we should support the chairman and
17 others in efforts to try to get a floor vote, floor time, on this. If that is not possible, we
18 amend it to the NDAA. I think that is worthy of future and near-term consideration.

19 And then the last possibility is just to bust out things that are without great
20 controversy and have more of these business meetings, so that the work of our staff

1 members and us will not go to waste, because I don't want this just to be an oversight
2 committee. I want us to legislate. And perhaps my tone is a little intemperate for this
3 committee, but I am getting tired of it.

4 So again, I really appreciate your leadership, Chairman, because I do believe you
5 have done everything. I have to finish with that. And you probably share my
6 sentiments, so I yield back.

7 **SENATOR MENENDEZ.** Mr. Chairman, if I may?

8 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Absolutely.

9 Thank you.

10 **SENATOR MENENDEZ.** So I appreciate my colleague from Indiana's concern, and
11 I appreciate his votes on some of the amendments that I offered, which went to some of
12 my concerns about State authorization.

13 And I also appreciate the importance of State authorization. When I was
14 chairman of this committee, I actually tried to do that. Unfortunately, I found myself
15 stymied by the minority at the time.

16 So I agree. It is an important venture. But it is especially important when we are
17 looking at a reorganization of the State Department, of which we haven't had, from my
18 perspective, a lot of transparency, when we are worried about the USAID element of
19 how that is or is not incorporated in the State Department and its budget, on personnel
20 issues, on bureaus like DRL, on some special envoys that I know are issues.

1 So there are series of concerns, so it is not the concept of moving with the State
2 authorization, but actually, what's the meat on the bones of that authorization?

3 So I look forward to working with you and the chairman and others who have
4 been interested in this, and hopefully, we can make progress. We will see.

5 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Thank you both. Certainly, I would love for us to move on the
6 State Department authorization and continue to build that out.

7 I would entertain a motion to consider Senator Cardin's amendment by voice
8 vote.

9 Moved and seconded. The question is on the motion to approve the amendment.

10 All those in favor, say aye.

11 [Chorus of ayes.]

12 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Opposed?

13 [No response.]

14 **THE CHAIRMAN.** With that, the ayes have it, and the amendment is agreed to.

15 Is there a motion to approve the legislation, as amended? Second?

16 So moved and seconded. The question is on the motion to approve S. 2286, as
17 amended.

18 All in favor will say aye.

19 [Chorus of ayes.]

20 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Opposed?

1 [No response.]

2 **THE CHAIRMAN.** With that, the ayes have it. The legislation, as amended, is
3 agreed to.

4 Next, we will consider S. 2060, the Burma Human Rights and Freedom Act.

5 Senator Menendez, would you like to speak to that?

6 **SENATOR MENENDEZ.** I have spoken to them all.

7 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Okay.

8 **SENATOR CARDIN.** Mr. Chairman, I want to thank you very much for
9 accommodating this legislation. We talked about it at the last business meeting. You
10 agreed to take it up now. I really appreciate that.

11 The atrocities that are taking place in Burma are well-documented. There were
12 just mass graves discovered. There clearly has been ethnic cleansing. And it is
13 important that we speak, and I appreciate your contributions to this.

14 And I will point out one other thing, if I might. In the Senate rotunda, the
15 Holocaust Museum will be having a photo exhibit of the Rohingya Muslim situation. I
16 just call that to everyone's attention. The more attention we can pay to this issue, the
17 more Americans know about it, the more the international community knows about it,
18 the better it is going to be for people who are very vulnerable today.

1 This legislation takes appropriate action not against the people of Burma but
2 against those who are responsible for the atrocities, the military, imposing appropriate
3 sanctions and providing a way in which we can assist those who have been victimized.

4 So I thank you very much for your help on this.

5 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Thank you.

6 **SENATOR MARKEY.** Mr. Chairman?

7 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Yes?

8 **SENATOR MARKEY.** If I can make a brief comment? I really praise Senator
9 McCain and Senator Cardin for putting this forward.

10 Senator Durbin and I traveled to Burma and to Bangladesh. We responded to
11 the invitation from Aung San Suu Kyi for the world to come and see what was
12 happening. The government worked with us to arrange the trip and, at the last minute,
13 pulled our ability to visit the villages and the sites. This has happened with other
14 groups coming to inspect.

15 I know Senator McCain had wanted to personally go on that trip. He was very
16 enthusiastic about it. I wish he had been able to join us. He wasn't able to.

17 But the circumstances are horrific, and it is a system against minorities that has
18 been used by the government there against one minority group after another, burn the
19 village, shoot people fleeing, kill children, gang rape women.

1 And it is now more in the open because of the fact that Burma is more in the
2 open. But in that open relationship with the world, we need to stand up as America
3 and say this is absolutely unacceptable. We need to partner with Bangladesh to support
4 them. We need to ensure safe repatriation. And this bill is absolutely an important step
5 to convey that message.

6 Thank you.

7 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Thank you, sir.

8 With that, I will entertain a motion to consider the substitute, Gardner 1 and 2,
9 Shaheen second degree, revised Markey, and Paul amendments, en bloc, by voice vote.

10 So moved and seconded. The question is on --

11 **SENATOR GARDNER.** Mr. Chairman, is it appropriate to make comments on the
12 amendments now or after adoption?

13 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Why don't we move through, and then you make --

14 **SENATOR BARRASSO.** Mr. Chairman, I have a few concerns about the language
15 in the bill. I have two amendments that provide quick and easy resolutions. I really
16 appreciate Senator Gardner working with me on the energy strategy language to ensure
17 starting long-term, economically viable power projects. I really appreciate Senator
18 Cardin's office willingness to work with me on the language on the economic
19 development strategy.

1 So with these commitments to work on these issues, I am not going to offer or
2 bring these amendments for a vote today. We can quickly address these comments. So
3 I look forward to working with you and the ranking member.

4 **THE CHAIRMAN.** I appreciate so much your willingness to do this.

5 And since we have begun discussion, Senator Gardner, do you want --

6 **SENATOR GARDNER.** Yes, I just want to say, the first amendment I will be
7 offering here is dealing with the alarming relationship between Burma and North Korea
8 and addressing that, making sure that, if that happens, that we move forward with
9 sanctions on individuals for that military cooperation between the two.

10 The second addresses a visit that I had in Naypyidaw with Aung San Suu Kyi.
11 Three issues were laid out. If her government is going to succeed, the first issue, of
12 course, is the peace process. The second issue was electrification. Seventy percent of
13 the people of Burma don't have access to reliable energy. And for that new
14 administration, this administration to succeed, they have to have electrification. This is
15 modeled after Electrify Africa, which we put forward.

16 I thank Senator Cardin for his work on this, and Senator McCain. And that is
17 what the second amendment does.

18 So thank you.

19 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Thank you. Thank you very much.

20 **SENATOR MARKEY.** Mr. Chairman?

1 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Yes?

2 **SENATOR MARKEY.** My amendment would strengthen accountability measures
3 for sexual and gender-based violence perpetrated against the Rohingya by Burmese
4 military, who will continue to act with impunity unless they are held accountable by the
5 United States and by the world. We need to bridge the impunity gap that protects
6 Burma's military and re-victimizes Rohingya's survivors.

7 The United Nations, Human Rights Watch, other humanitarian organizations
8 working with Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh have similarly documented the
9 systematic rape of women and girls by Burma's military. Human Rights Watch has
10 noted that because Rohingya survivors of sexual and gender-based violence know very
11 little about the abusers aside from identifying the abuser as a member of a military unit,
12 and are deeply stigmatized, existing laws and accountability mechanisms fail to protect
13 the victims of such violence.

14 Burma's military, however, has exonerated itself, citing lack of evidence for mass
15 rape of Rohingya's women and girls. After visiting the refugee camps in Bangladesh,
16 Pramila Patten, the U.N. Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict,
17 delivered powerful testimony that widespread and systematic sexual violence was
18 commanded, orchestrated, and perpetrated by Burma's military as a tool of
19 dehumanization and terror.

1 I would suggest that the committee invites Special Representative Patten to this
2 committee to testify as to what is happening to the women and girls of Burma. The
3 Rohingya should have a voice here, and I think it would be a wonderful help to those
4 people.

5 I thank my colleagues for working with me on this amendment, and I urge an
6 aye vote.

7 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Thank you.

8 Senator Shaheen?

9 **SENATOR SHAHEEN.** I would like to be added as a cosponsor to Senator
10 Markey's amendment, and also point out that that speaks to the importance of the
11 Office of Global Women's Issues within the State Department, which has worked over
12 the last 8 years to address gender-based violence, and we need it now as much as ever.
13 And I so hope that will continue to be part of any authorization bill for the State
14 Department.

15 Also, it speaks to the importance of passing the International Violence Against
16 Women Act, which, again, would be designed to help address gender-based violence.

17 So I hope the committee will take that up.

18 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Without objection. Thank you.

19 I know we have a motion. Do we have a second?

1 So moved and seconded. The question is on the motion to approve these
2 amendments en bloc.

3 All those in favor, say aye.

4 [Chorus of ayes.]

5 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Opposed?

6 [No response.]

7 **THE CHAIRMAN.** With that, the ayes have it.

8 Is there a motion to approve the legislation, as amended?

9 So moved and seconded. The question is on the motion to approve S. 2060, as
10 amended.

11 All in favor, please say aye.

12 [Chorus of ayes.]

13 **THE CHAIRMAN.** All opposed?

14 [No response.]

15 **THE CHAIRMAN.** With that, the ayes have it. The legislation, as amended, is
16 agreed to.

17 Next, we will consider H.R. 1625, the TARGET Act. I will entertain a motion to
18 consider the substitute amendment by voice vote. Is there a second?

19 So moved and seconded. The question is on the motion to approve the substitute
20 amendment.

1 All those in favor, say aye.

2 [Chorus of ayes.]

3 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Opposed?

4 [No response.]

5 **THE CHAIRMAN.** With that, the ayes have it. The amendment is agreed to.

6 Is there a motion to approve the legislation, as amended? Second?

7 So moved and seconded. The question is on the motion to approve H.R. 1625, as
8 amended.

9 All those in favor, say aye.

10 [Chorus of ayes.]

11 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Opposed?

12 [No response.]

13 **THE CHAIRMAN.** With that, the ayes have it. The legislation, as amended, is
14 agreed to.

15 We will next consider H.R. 535, the Taiwan Travel Act, and S. Res. 92, Expressing
16 concern over the disappearance of David Sneddon.

17 Is there a motion to approve the legislation, en bloc, by voice vote? A second?

18 So moved and seconded. The question is on the motion to approve H.R. 535 and
19 S. Res. 92.

20 All those in favor, say aye.

1 [Chorus of ayes.]

2 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Opposed?

3 [No response.]

4 **THE CHAIRMAN.** With that, the ayes have it.

5 And that completes our committee's business. Thank you all so much for being
6 here promptly.

7 I ask unanimous consent that staff be authorized to make technical and
8 conforming changes. Without objection, so ordered.

[Whereupon, at 5:05 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.]