

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To provide a complete substitute.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—115th Cong., 2d Sess.**

**S. Res. 376**

Urging the Governments of Burma and Bangladesh to ensure the safe, dignified, voluntary, and sustainable return of the Rohingya refugees who have been displaced by the campaign of ethnic cleansing conducted by the Burmese military.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and  
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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. CORKER

Viz:

- 1           Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the fol-
- 2           lowing: “That the Senate—
- 3                   (1) condemns the violence and displacement in-
- 4                   flicted on Burma’s Rohingya and other ethnic mi-
- 5                   norities;
- 6                   (2) calls for an immediate halt to all hostilities
- 7                   by Burmese authorities;
- 8                   (3) condemns the attacks by the Arakan
- 9                   Rohingya Salvation Army militant group;
- 10                  (4) calls on the Government of Burma to allow
- 11                  full access to Rakhine State and ensure the full par-

1 participation of UNHCR, the internationally endorsed  
2 organization tasked with ensuring that refugee re-  
3 turns are voluntary, safe, dignified, and respect fun-  
4 damental human rights, and that the voices of refu-  
5 gees are represented in order to ensure the sustain-  
6 ability of such returns and to prevent further waves  
7 of displacement;

8 (5) commends the positive role of the Govern-  
9 ment of Bangladesh in receiving Rohingya refugees  
10 to date and urges the Government of Bangladesh to  
11 continue allowing the full participation of UNHCR  
12 and human rights organizations in accessing refugee  
13 camps;

14 (6) calls on UNHCR and international non-  
15 governmental organizations to play a role in moni-  
16 toring repatriation efforts by the Governments of  
17 Bangladesh and Burma to ensure a process that  
18 meets international norms for voluntary, safe, and  
19 dignified repatriation;

20 (7) agrees that any return of Rohingya should  
21 include guarantees that any returns of refugees will  
22 be voluntary and dignified, that there will be no  
23 threats to protection or security upon return, that  
24 refugees will be able to return to their places of ori-  
25 gin or other locations as desired, and be able to

1       enjoy equal rights with others in Burma, including  
2       the restoration or granting of full citizenship, free-  
3       dom of movement, and access to basic services;

4           (8) recognizes that any forced relocation of  
5       Rohingya refugees into temporary settlements, IDP  
6       camps, “model villages,” or other areas not of refu-  
7       gees’ choosing is unacceptable;

8           (9) calls on the Government of Burma to allow  
9       for a flexible and practical approach to dealing with  
10      evidence of Rohingya residence in Burma, recog-  
11      nizing that the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh  
12      possess a wide range of documents and that some  
13      refugees have no documents and will need to estab-  
14      lish their residence by other means;

15          (10) calls on the Government of Burma to ad-  
16      dress root causes consistent with the Rakhine Advi-  
17      sory Commission recommendations and fully imple-  
18      ment all of the recommendations of the Commission,  
19      including providing equal access to full restoration  
20      or granting of full citizenship for the Rohingya pop-  
21      ulation;

22          (11) calls on the Government of Burma to ac-  
23      knowledge and address the issue of statelessness for  
24      the Rohingya, the deprivation of rights, and institu-  
25      tionalized and pervasive discrimination of the

1       Rohingya population in order to bring about any  
2       sustainable solutions;

3           (12) commends the Government and the people  
4       of Bangladesh for their extraordinary generosity and  
5       efforts to provide shelter and relief for nearly  
6       1,000,000 Rohingya refugees forced to flee their  
7       homes in Burma;

8           (13) calls on the Government of Bangladesh to  
9       ensure all refugees have freedom of movement and  
10      under no circumstances are subject to unsafe, invol-  
11      untary, precipitous, or uninformed returns to  
12      Burma; and

13          (14) calls on the Government of Burma to im-  
14      mediately release journalists Wa Lone and Kyaw  
15      Soe Oo.