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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To express the sense of Congress regarding the duties of the Office of Global Women’s Issues in the Department of State.

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

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mrs. SHAHEEN

Viz:

1 At the end of title IV, add the following:

2 **SEC. 405. OFFICE OF GLOBAL WOMEN’S ISSUES.**

3 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
4 gress that the Office of Global Women’s Issues (referred
5 to in this section as the “Office”) in the Department
6 should—

7 (1) be headed by the Ambassador-at-Large for
8 Global Women’s Issues, who should be appointed by
9 the President, by and with the advice and consent
10 of the Senate;

1 (2) coordinate, under the direction of the Sec-
2 retary, the United States foreign policy efforts to
3 promote gender equality and the rights and em-
4 powerment of women and girls in United States di-
5 plomacy, partnerships, and programs;

6 (3) serve as the principal advisor to the Sec-
7 retary regarding gender equality, women's and girls'
8 empowerment, and violence against women and girls
9 as a priority of United States foreign policy;

10 (4) represent the United States in diplomatic
11 and multilateral fora on matters relevant to the sta-
12 tus of women and girls;

13 (5) advise the Secretary and provide input on
14 all activities, policies, programs, and funding relat-
15 ing to gender equality and the advancement of
16 women and girls internationally for all bureaus and
17 offices of the Department and in the international
18 programs of all other Federal agencies;

19 (6) work to ensure that efforts to advance gen-
20 der equality and women's and girls' empowerment
21 are fully integrated into the programs, structures,
22 processes, and capacities of all bureaus and offices
23 of the Department and in the international pro-
24 grams of other Federal agencies; and

1 (7) conduct regular consultations with civil soci-
2 ety organizations that are working to advance gen-
3 der equality and empower women and girls inter-
4 nationally.

5 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
6 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
7 a report or provide a briefing to the appropriate congres-
8 sional committees regarding the efforts of the Office to
9 carry out the duties described in subsection (a).