

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

Purpose: To appoint a Special Representative for International Labor and deploy labor attachés from the Department of Labor in certain embassies to promote international labor rights in countries in which such rights are not well protected.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—114th Cong., 1st Sess.**

**S.** \_\_\_\_\_

To authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2016, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. MENENDEZ

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL LABOR RIGHTS.**

3 (a) **NEEDS ASSESSMENT.**—Not later than 180 days

4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary,

5 in consultation with the Secretary of Labor, shall submit

6 a needs assessment to the appropriate congressional com-

7 mittees that—

8 (1) identifies United States embassies that

9 would benefit from the presence of a labor attaché

10 from the Department of Labor;

1           (2) focuses on countries with the lowest labor  
2 standards, as described in the Department’s “Country  
3 Reports on Human Rights Practices”, published  
4 in the International Labour Organization’s “Rules of  
5 the Game”, and compiled in the International Trade  
6 Union Confederation’s “Global Rights Index”;

7           (3) focuses on countries that have entered into  
8 labor rights commitments with the United States  
9 through trade agreements or preference programs;  
10 and

11           (4) determines, in consultation with the Depart-  
12 ment of Labor, whether sufficient resources are allo-  
13 cated for the monitoring and promotion of labor  
14 rights.

15 (b) RESOURCES.—

16           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consulta-  
17 tion with the Secretary of Labor, shall allocate ap-  
18 propriate resources for labor rights promotion, in-  
19 cluding the deployment of labor attachés to embas-  
20 sies identified under subsection (a)(1).

21           (2) LABOR ATTACHÉS.—Under the direction of  
22 the Chief of Mission, the labor attachés deployed to  
23 embassies pursuant to paragraph (1) shall promote  
24 labor rights through engagement with host-govern-

1       ment entities focused on labor issues, independent  
2       trade unions, and labor activists.

3       (c) SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR INTERNATIONAL  
4 LABOR.—

5           (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall es-  
6       tablish a permanent position within the Bureau of  
7       Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, which shall  
8       be referred to as the “Special Representative for  
9       International Labor”.

10          (2) DUTIES.—Under the direction of the Un-  
11       dersecretary for Civilian Security, Democracy, and  
12       Human Rights, the Special Representative for Inter-  
13       national Labor shall oversee the Department’s co-  
14       ordination with the Department of Labor to assess  
15       and ensure that sufficient resources are being dedi-  
16       cated to labor rights within the embassies identified  
17       under subsection (a)(1).