

**AMENDMENT TO STATE AND FOREIGN
OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MS. GRANGER OF TEXAS**

In the REPORT:

At the appropriate place on page 13, insert the following new paragraph:

1 “*Other exchanges.*—The Committee also encourages
2 the Department of State to continue, on a competitive
3 basis, exchange programs targeting high priority areas
4 and groups, including the Future Leaders Exchange pro-
5 grams, critical language programs, and programs pro-
6 viding overseas training in strategic languages for Ameri-
7 cans.”.

At the appropriate place on page 22, insert the following new paragraph:

8 “The Committee understands the International Joint
9 Commission is in the process of updating water regulation
10 levels and releases for the St. Lawrence River and Lake
11 Ontario. The Committee urges the Secretary of State to
12 ensure that any new regulatory plan approved by the Com-
13 mission is based upon clear, current, and in-depth study,

1 including a thorough examination of the economic impact
2 on stakeholders of the final plan.”.

At the appropriate place on page 23, insert the following new paragraph:

3 “The Committee recommendation includes funds for
4 the operational costs of the International Pacific Halibut
5 Commission. The Committee expects the Department of
6 State to ensure that the Commission’s operational require-
7 ments, including the cost of office space, are met prior
8 to initiating any new or expanded programmatic activi-
9 ties.”.

On page 31, in the paragraph with the heading “*Di-
versity engagement*”, before the word “directs” on line 3,
insert the following:

10 “encourages USAID to provide continued funding for a
11 fellowship program in honor of the late Donald M. Payne
12 to support graduate school, professional development, and
13 entry into USAID’s Foreign Service. The Committee”.

On page 31, in the paragraph with the heading
“*Faith-based organizations*”, after “FBOs” in the fourth
line, insert the following:

14 “, including rights related to employment practices,”.

On page 45, after the paragraph with the header “*Sudan*”, insert the following new paragraph:

1 “The Committee is deeply concerned about the ongoing violence in Sudan, including in Darfur, Southern Kordofan, and Blue Nile and the continued conflict between Sudan and South Sudan. The Committee notes that the humanitarian situation in the border region has deteriorated because of ongoing violence and the prevention of humanitarian access to the region by the Government of Sudan. The Committee urges the Administration to continue to prioritize all diplomatic and development efforts to address the immediate humanitarian crisis and resolve outstanding issues laid out in the Comprehensive Peace Agreement for long-term stability and economic development for the region.”.

At the appropriate place on page 46, insert the following new paragraph:

14 “*Ukraine*.—The Committee continues to encourage efforts to strengthen democratic processes, accountable governance, independent media, judicial reform, and anti-corruption efforts in Ukraine. The Committee is concerned about recent declines in democratic governance, particularly the abuse of power to create unfair conditions for

1 political competition, and encourages close monitoring by
2 the Department of State of upcoming national elections.”.

At the appropriate place on page 48, insert the following new paragraph:

3 “*Haiti*.—The Committee is concerned about the
4 number of Haitians that remain displaced and continue
5 to suffer from gender-based violence, internal displacement,
6 cholera, and lost livelihoods after the earthquake
7 that struck Haiti in 2010. While the Committee recognizes
8 the complex challenges facing Haiti, these conditions continue
9 despite more than a billion dollars of assistance provided
10 by the United States in immediate response to the
11 earthquake and additional annual appropriations provided
12 since that time. The Committee directs USAID and the
13 State Department to report to the Committees on Appropriations,
14 not later than 30 days after enactment of this
15 Act, on the assistance provided to Haiti since 2010, including
16 obligation and expenditure data, overall progress of the rebuilding
17 and development efforts, and the mechanisms in place for consultation
18 and participation of the Haitian government, civil society, grassroots
19 networks, and the Haitian Diaspora.”.

At the appropriate place on page 51, insert the following new paragraph:

1 “The Committee remains concerned about ongoing
2 refugee crises in the Western Hemisphere, including Co-
3 lombian refugees, and urges the Secretary of State to con-
4 tinue programs to provide urgent protection and assist-
5 ance. The Committee expects the Department of State to
6 brief the Committees on Appropriations, not later than 60
7 days after enactment of this Act, on plans for these pro-
8 grams in fiscal year 2013, including the strategy for in-
9 volving international and non-governmental organiza-
10 tions.”.

