

On page 92, line 2, strike “is authorized” and insert “should seek to develop”.

On page 92, line 9, strike “for” and insert “, including leveling the playing field for American companies competing in”.

On page 92, line 15, strike “is encouraged to make” and insert “should takes steps to strengthen the”.

On page 92, line 17, insert “as” after “laws”.

On page 92, line 22, insert “for the following 5 years” after “after”.

On page 93, line 7, insert “to the United States Trade Representative” after “appropriated”.

On page 93, strike lines 13 through 22 and insert the following:

(1) STRATEGY.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for the following 5 years, the President shall establish a comprehensive, integrated, multiyear strategy to encourage the efforts of Indo-Pacific countries to implement national power strategies and cooperation with United States energy companies and the Department of Energy national laboratories to develop an appropriate mix of power solutions to provide access to sufficient, reliable, and affordable power in order to reduce poverty, drive economic growth and job creation, and to increase energy security in the Indo-Pacific region.

On page 93, lines 24 and 25, strike “such amounts as may be necessary” and inserting “\$1,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2019 through 2023”.

On page 94, strike lines 1 through 20 and insert the following:

(b) RELIABLE ENERGY PARTNERSHIPS.—It is the sense of Congress that the United States should explore opportunities to partner with the private sector and multilateral institutions, such as the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank, to promote universal access to reliable electricity in the Indo-Pacific region, including Myanmar (historically known as “Burma”).

On page 94, line 22, strike “The Secretary of State” and insert the following:

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State

On page 95, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter through 2023, the Secretary of State, in cooperation with the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, shall submit a report to Congress that includes—

(1) a list and evaluation of Lower Mekong Initiative activities since its inception in 2009;

(2) a strategy for any increased regional engagement and measures of success for the activities described in paragraph (1); and

(3) an accounting of funds used to execute Lower Mekong Initiative activities.

On page 98, lines 6 and 7, strike “as ‘Not Free’, according to the Department of State,” and insert “as ‘Partly Free’,”.

On page 98, line 16, insert “invasive and omnipresent surveillance,” after “detentions”.

On page 101, line 9, insert “, after consultation with the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development,” after “Secretary of State”.

On page 102, line 5, insert “targeted financial penalties and visa ban” after “impose”.

On page 102, lines 6 and 7, strike “including targeted financial penalties and visa bans,”.

Beginning on page 103, strike line 18 and all that follows through page 104, line 11, and insert the following:

**SEC. 410. INDO-PACIFIC HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS.**

(a) DEFINED TERM.—In this section, the term “human rights defenders” means indi-

viduals, working alone or in groups, who nonviolently advocate for the promotion and protection of universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms if the advocacy of such issues may result in the risk of safety or life.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that human rights defenders in the Indo-Pacific region have been facing increased difficulties with the rise of unprecedented crackdowns and conflicts.

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated \$1,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2019 through 2023 to provide critical assistance to human rights defenders through the Department of State’s Human Rights Defenders Fund.

(d) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter through 2023, the Secretary of State, in cooperation with the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, shall submit a report to Congress that includes—

(1) a list and evaluation of the Human Rights Defenders Fund activities since its inception;

(2) a strategy for any increased regional engagement and measures of success for the activities described in paragraph (1); and

(3) an accounting of funds used to execute the Human Rights Defender Fund activities.

On page 104, lines 14 and 15, strike “such amounts as may be necessary, for fiscal years 2019 through 2025,” and insert “\$25,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2019 through 2023”.

At the end of the bill, insert the following:

**SEC. 412. SAVINGS PROVISION.**

Nothing in this Act may be construed as authorizing the use of military force.

**AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I have 5 requests for committees to meet during today’s session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today’s session of the Senate:

**COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES**

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, December 04, 2018, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on the following nominations: Lieutenant General Kenneth F. McKenzie, Jr., to be General and Commander, Central Command, and Lieutenant General Richard D. Clarke, to be General and Commander, Special Operations Command, both of the Department of Defense.

**COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS**

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, December 04, 2018, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on the following nominations: Michael S. Klecheski, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mongolia, Matthew John Matthews, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, and W. Patrick Murphy, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia, all of the De-

partment of State; to be immediately followed by a Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy hearing to examine the China challenge, focusing on democracy, human rights, and the rule of law.

**COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS**

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, December 04, 2018, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing on the following nominations: Carol Z. Perez, of Virginia, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, Arthur B. Culvahouse, Jr., of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of Australia, Christopher Paul Henzel, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen, Sarah-Ann Lynch, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, and Lynne M. Tracy, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, all of the Department of State, and John Barsa, of Florida, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE**

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, December 04, 2018, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a closed hearing.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON EAST ASIA, THE PACIFIC, AND INTERNATIONAL CYBERSECURITY POLICY**

The Subcommittee on East Asia, The Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy of the Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, December 04, 2018, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “The China Challenge, Part 3: Democracy, Human Rights, and the Rule of Law.”

**PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR**

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Rowan Kurtz and Grant Cummings, interns in Senator MURKOWSKI’s office, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of the week.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**ALASKA REMOTE GENERATOR RELIABILITY AND PROTECTION ACT**

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 576, S. 1934.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1934) to prevent catastrophic failure or shutdown of remote diesel power engines due to emission control devices, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment to strike all after