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## H. R. 2046

To amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 regarding energy diplomacy and security within the Department of State, and for other purposes.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 3, 2019

Mr. Wright (for himself, Mr. McCaul, and Mr. Gonzalez of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

## A BILL

- To amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 regarding energy diplomacy and security within the Department of State, and for other purposes.
  - 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
  - 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
  - 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
  - 4 This Act may be cited as the "Energy Diplomacy Act
  - 5 of 2019".

1	SEC. 2. ENERGY DIPLOMACY AND SECURITY WITHIN THE
2	DEPARTMENT OF STATE.
3	(a) In General.—Subsection (c) of section 1 of the
4	State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22
5	U.S.C. 2651a) is amended—
6	(1) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
7	graph (4); and
8	(2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
9	lowing new paragraph:
10	"(3) Energy resources.—
11	"(A) AUTHORIZATION FOR ASSISTANT SEC-
12	RETARY.—Subject to the numerical limitation
13	specified in paragraph (1), there is authorized
14	to be established in the Department of State an
15	Assistant Secretary of State for Energy Re-
16	sources.
17	"(B) Personnel.—The Secretary of
18	State shall ensure that there are sufficient per-
19	sonnel dedicated to energy matters within the
20	Department of State who shall be responsible
21	for—
22	"(i) formulating and implementing
23	international policies, in coordination with
24	Secretary of Energy, as appropriate, aimed
25	at protecting and advancing United States
26	energy security interests by effectively

1	managing United States bilateral and mul-
2	tilateral relations;
3	"(ii) ensuring that analyses of the na-
4	tional security implications of global en-
5	ergy and environmental developments are
6	reflected in the decision making process
7	within the Department of State;
8	"(iii) incorporating energy security
9	priorities into the activities of the Depart-
10	ment of State;
11	"(iv) coordinating energy activities
12	within the Department of State and with
13	relevant Federal agencies;
14	"(v) working internationally to—
15	"(I) support the development of
16	energy resources and the distribution
17	of such resources for the benefit of
18	the United States and United States
19	allies and trading partners for their
20	energy security and economic develop-
21	ment needs;
22	"(II) promote availability of di-
23	versified energy supplies and a well-
24	functioning global market for energy
25	resources, technologies, and expertise

1	for the benefit of the United States
2	and United States allies and trading
3	partners;
4	"(III) resolve international dis-
5	putes regarding the exploration, devel-
6	opment, production, or distribution of
7	energy resources;
8	"(IV) support the economic and
9	commercial interests of United States
10	persons operating in the energy mar-
11	kets of foreign countries; and
12	"(V) support and coordinate
13	international efforts to alleviate en-
14	ergy poverty;
15	"(vi) leading the United States com-
16	mitment to the Extractive Industries
17	Transparency Initiative;
18	"(vii) coordinating within the Depart-
19	ment of State and with relevant Federal
20	departments and agencies on developing
21	and implementing international energy-re-
22	lated sanctions; and
23	"(viii) coordinating energy security
24	and other relevant functions within the De-

1	partment of State currently undertaken
2	by—
3	"(I) the Bureau of Economic and
4	Business Affairs of the Department of
5	State;
6	"(II) the Bureau of Oceans and
7	International Environmental and Sci-
8	entific Affairs of the Department of
9	State; and
10	"(III) other offices within the
11	Department of State.".
12	(b) Conforming Amendment.—Section 931 of the
13	Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42
14	U.S.C. 17371) is amended—
15	(1) by striking subsections (a) and (b); and
16	(2) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as
17	subsections (a) and (b), respectively.