

The current administration has followed the law and terminated TPS for certain nations, but, of course, that has not been left alone. It has been stymied in the court.

I oppose H.R. 549, but the Venezuelan people are in a dire situation, and thanks to the socialist policies of Hugo Chavez and Nicolas Maduro, I pray for regime change in Venezuela.

If Congress is, nevertheless, inclined to statutorily designate Venezuela for TPS, then we should not ensure renewal is automatic. If we do not do that, we can continue the same broken TPS designation process. No future administration will terminate the designations, and 25 years from now, Members will call for the green cards for those who are here on TPS.

I must also point out the hypocrisy of designating a country for temporary protected status. The majority recently passed legislation to create a green card path for 417,000 aliens in the country on a temporary protected status, some of which were 20 years for a volcano—not exactly something that is permanent.

We also may as well remove the word “temporary” from TPS statute and hand over the green cards right now.

Mr. Speaker, I oppose H.R. 549, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, I would hope that everyone will vote for this bill.

It is, unfortunately, the case that the United States has deported Venezuelans in late 2018. More Venezuelans were deported than were resettled.

It is important that, while this country, Venezuela, is really in meltdown, we don't take vulnerable people and send them back there. That is what TPS is all about. This bill is simple.

I thank Mr. SOTO, Ms. SHALALA, Ms. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, and Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL for their efforts, along with those of many others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that we support this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 519, the previous question is ordered on the bill, as amended.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, further consideration of H.R. 549 is postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3352) to provide for certain authorities of the Department of State, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3352

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Department of State Authorization Act of 2019”.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Definitions.

TITLE I—ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Sec. 101. Sense of Congress on importance of Department of State's work.

Sec. 102. Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor.

Sec. 103. Assistant Secretary for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs.

Sec. 104. Bureau of Consular Affairs; Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration.

Sec. 105. Office of International Disability Rights.

Sec. 106. Office of Global Women's Issues.

Sec. 107. Special appointments.

Sec. 108. Anti-piracy information sharing.

Sec. 109. Importance of foreign affairs training to national security.

Sec. 110. Classification and assignment of Foreign Service officers.

Sec. 111. Energy diplomacy and security within the Department of State.

Sec. 112. Passport fees.

Sec. 113. United States diplomacy center.

Sec. 114. Extension of period for reimbursement of fishermen for costs incurred from the illegal seizure and detention of U.S.-flag fishing vessels by foreign governments.

Sec. 115. Art in embassies.

Sec. 116. Amendment or repeal of reporting requirements.

Sec. 117. Reporting on implementation of GAO recommendations.

Sec. 118. Office of Global Criminal Justice.

TITLE II—EMBASSY CONSTRUCTION

Sec. 201. Embassy security, construction, and maintenance.

Sec. 202. Standard design in capital construction.

Sec. 203. Capital construction transparency.

Sec. 204. Contractor performance information.

Sec. 205. Growth projections for new embassies and consulates.

Sec. 206. Long-range planning process.

Sec. 207. Value engineering and risk assessment.

Sec. 208. Business volume.

Sec. 209. Embassy security requests and deficiencies.

Sec. 210. Overseas security briefings.

Sec. 211. Contracting methods in capital construction.

Sec. 212. Competition in embassy construction.

Sec. 213. Statement of policy.

Sec. 214. Definitions.

TITLE III—PERSONNEL ISSUES

Sec. 301. Defense Base Act insurance waivers.

Sec. 302. Study on Foreign Service allowances.

Sec. 303. Science and technology fellowships.

Sec. 304. Travel for separated families.

Sec. 305. Home leave travel for separated families.

Sec. 306. Sense of Congress regarding certain fellowship programs.

Sec. 307. Technical correction.

Sec. 308. Foreign Service awards.

Sec. 309. Diplomatic programs.

Sec. 310. Sense of Congress regarding veterans employment at the Department of State.

Sec. 311. Employee assignment restrictions and preclusions.

Sec. 312. Recall and reemployment of career members.

Sec. 313. Strategic staffing plan for the Department.

Sec. 314. Consulting services.

Sec. 315. Incentives for critical posts.

Sec. 316. Extension of authority for certain accountability review boards.

Sec. 317. Foreign service suspension without pay.

Sec. 318. Foreign Affairs Manual and Foreign Affairs Handbook changes.

Sec. 319. Waiver authority for individual occupational requirements of certain positions.

Sec. 320. Standardizing Department parental leave policies.

Sec. 321. Appointment of employees to the Global Engagement Center.

Sec. 322. Rest and recuperation and overseas operations leave for Federal employees.

TITLE IV—A DIVERSE WORKFORCE: RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, AND PROMOTION

Sec. 401. Definitions.

Sec. 402. Collection, analysis, and dissemination of workforce data.

Sec. 403. Exit interviews for workforce.

Sec. 404. Recruitment and retention.

Sec. 405. Leadership engagement and accountability.

Sec. 406. Professional development opportunities and tools.

Sec. 407. Examination and oral assessment for the Foreign Service.

Sec. 408. Payne fellowship authorization.

Sec. 409. Voluntary participation.

TITLE V—INFORMATION SECURITY

Sec. 501. Definitions.

Sec. 502. Information system security.

Sec. 503. Prohibition on contracting with certain telecommunications providers.

Sec. 504. Preserving records of electronic communications conducted related to official duties of positions in the public trust of the American people.

Sec. 505. Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS) series and declassification.

Sec. 506. Vulnerability Disclosure Policy and Bug Bounty Pilot Program.

TITLE VI—PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

Sec. 601. Short title.

Sec. 602. Avoiding duplication of programs and efforts.

Sec. 603. Improving research and evaluation of public diplomacy.

Sec. 604. Permanent reauthorization of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy.

Sec. 605. Streamlining of support functions.