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H. R. 3326

To increase accountability, combat corruption, and strengthen management effectiveness at the World Bank.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

To increase accountability, combat corruption, and strengthen management effectiveness at the World Bank.

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 “World Bank Account-
5 ability Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. WITHHOLDING OF FUNDS UNTIL CERTAIN CONDI-**
7 **TIONS ARE MET.**

8 (a) INSTITUTIONAL REFORMS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to each of fis-
10 cal years 2018 through 2023, in addition to any

1 amounts withheld from disbursement under sub-
2 section (b), 15 percent of the amounts provided in
3 appropriations Acts for the International Develop-
4 ment Association for the fiscal year—

5 (A) shall be withheld from disbursement
6 until the conditions of paragraph (2) or (3) are
7 satisfied; and

8 (B)(i) shall be disbursed after, the condi-
9 tions of paragraph (2) are satisfied; and

10 (ii) may be disbursed after, the conditions
11 of paragraph (3) are satisfied.

12 (2) INITIAL CONDITIONS.—The conditions of
13 this paragraph are satisfied with respect to the
14 amounts provided in appropriations Acts for a fiscal
15 year if, in the fiscal year, the Secretary of the Treas-
16 ury reports to the appropriate congressional commit-
17 tees that the International Bank for Reconstruction
18 and Development—

19 (A) is implementing institutional incen-
20 tives, including through formal staff evaluation
21 criteria, that prioritize poverty reduction, devel-
22 opment outcomes, and capable project manage-
23 ment over the volume of the Bank’s lending and
24 grantmaking;

(B) is taking, or has completed, steps to address the management failures described in Inspection Panel Investigation Report 106710–UG, and to prevent their recurrence in countries that are eligible for World Bank support; and

(C) is taking measures to strengthen its management of trust funds, with the goal of increasing the accountability of the trust funds for poverty reduction and development outcomes.

(3) SUBSEQUENT CONDITIONS.—The conditions of this paragraph are satisfied if the Secretary of the Treasury reports to the appropriate congressional committees, in each of the 3 fiscal years most recently preceding the fiscal year in which the report is made, that the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development has instituted the measures described in paragraph (2) of this subsection and the measures described in subsection (b)(2).

(b) GOVERNANCE AND ANTICORRUPTION REFORMS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to each of fiscal years 2018 through 2023, in addition to any amounts withheld from disbursement under sub-

1 section (a), 15 percent of the amounts provided in
2 appropriations Acts for the International Develop-
3 ment Association for the fiscal year—

4 (A) shall be withheld from disbursement
5 until the conditions of paragraph (2) or (3) are
6 satisfied; and

7 (B)(i) shall be disbursed after, the condi-
8 tions of paragraph (2) are satisfied; and

9 (ii) may be disbursed after, the conditions
10 of paragraph (3) are satisfied.

11 (2) INITIAL CONDITIONS.—The conditions of
12 this paragraph are satisfied with respect to the
13 amounts provided in appropriations Acts for a fiscal
14 year if, in the fiscal year, the Secretary of the Treas-
15 ury reports to the appropriate congressional commit-
16 tees that the International Bank for Reconstruction
17 and Development—

18 (A) is emphasizing in appropriate oper-
19 ational policies, directives, and country strate-
20 gies its support for secure property rights, due
21 process of law, and economic freedom as essen-
22 tial conditions for sustained poverty reduction
23 in World Bank borrowing countries;

24 (B)(i) has not approved any loans or
25 grants assistance by the Bank to a country des-

1 ignated by the United States as a state sponsor
2 of terrorism in the preceding fiscal year; and

3 (ii) is strengthening the ability of Bank-
4 funded projects to undermine violent extre-
5 mism;

6 (C) is taking steps to conduct randomized
7 forensic audits of projects receiving assistance
8 from the Bank, increase the number of the au-
9 dits, and strengthen the capacity of the Bank's
10 Integrity Vice Presidency; and

11 (D) is taking measures to detect and mini-
12 mize corruption in all World Bank projects in-
13 volving development policy lending.

14 (3) SUBSEQUENT CONDITIONS.—The conditions
15 of this paragraph are satisfied if the Secretary of
16 the Treasury reports to the appropriate congres-
17 sional committees, in each of the 3 fiscal years most
18 recently preceding the fiscal year in which the report
19 is made that the International Bank for Reconstruc-
20 tion and Development has instituted the measures
21 described in paragraph (2) of this subsection and
22 the measures described in subsection (a)(2).

23 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
24 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-
25 sional committees” means the Committees on Financial

1 Services and Appropriations of the House of Representa-
2 tives and the Committees on Foreign Relations and Ap-
3 propriations of the Senate.

4 **SEC. 3. REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

5 The Chairman of the National Advisory Council on
6 International Monetary and Financial Policies shall in-
7 clude in the report required by section 1701 of the Inter-
8 national Financial Institutions Act for each of fiscal years
9 2018 through 2023 a detailed description of the actions
10 undertaken by the International Bank for Reconstruction
11 and Development in the fiscal year covered by the report
12 to institute the measures described in subsections (a)(2)
13 and (b)(2) of section 2 of this Act.

14 **SEC. 4. EIGHTEENTH REPLENISHMENT OF THE INTER-**
15 **NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION; RE-**
16 **DUCTION FROM IDA-17 AUTHORIZED LEVEL.**

17 The International Development Association Act (22
18 U.S.C. 284 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the
19 following:

20 **“SEC. 30. EIGHTEENTH REPLENISHMENT.**

21 “(a) CONTRIBUTION AUTHORITY.—The United
22 States Governor of the International Development Asso-
23 ciation may contribute on behalf of the United States
24 \$3,291,030,000 to the eighteenth replenishment of the re-

1 sources of the Association, subject to obtaining the nec-
2 essary appropriations.

3 “(b) LIMITATIONS ON AUTHORIZATION OF APPRO-
4 PRIATIONS.—In order to pay for the contribution provided
5 for in subsection (a), there are authorized to be appro-
6 priated, without fiscal year limitation, \$3,291,030,000 for
7 payment by the Secretary of the Treasury.”.

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