

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 118–36
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At the end of subtitle A of title XVII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 17 ____ . MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION**
2 **CANDIDATE COUNTRY REFORM.**

3 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the
4 “Millennium Challenge Corporation Candidate Reform
5 Act”.

6 (b) **MODIFICATIONS OF REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME**
7 **A CANDIDATE COUNTRY.**—Section 606 of the Millennium
8 Challenge Act of 2003 (22 U.S.C. 7705) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 **“SEC. 606. CANDIDATE COUNTRIES.**

11 “(a) **IN GENERAL.**—A country shall be a candidate
12 country for purposes of eligibility to receive assistance
13 under section 605 if—

14 “(1) the per capita income of the country in a
15 fiscal year is equal to or less than the World Bank
16 threshold for initiating the International Bank for
17 Reconstruction and Development graduation process
18 for the fiscal year; and

1 “(2) subject to subsection (b), the country is
2 not ineligible to receive United States economic as-
3 sistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act
4 of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.) by reason of the
5 application of any provision of the Foreign Assist-
6 ance Act of 1961 or any other provision of law.

7 “(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—For the purposes of
8 determining whether a country is eligible, pursuant to sub-
9 section (a)(2), to receive assistance under section 605, the
10 exercise by the President, the Secretary of State, or any
11 other officer or employee of the United States Government
12 of any waiver or suspension of any provision of law re-
13 ferred to in subsection (a)(2), and notification to the ap-
14 propriate congressional committees in accordance with
15 such provision of law, shall be construed as satisfying the
16 requirements under subsection (a).

17 “(c) DETERMINATION BY THE BOARD.—The Board
18 shall determine whether a country is a candidate country
19 for purposes of this section.”.

20 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

21 (1) AMENDMENT TO REPORT IDENTIFYING
22 CANDIDATE COUNTRIES.—Section 608(a)(1) of the
23 Millennium Challenge Act of 2003 (22 U.S.C.
24 7707(a)(1)) is amended by striking “section
25 606(a)(1)(B)” and inserting “section 606(a)(2)”.

1 (2) AMENDMENT TO MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE
2 COMPACT AUTHORITY.—Section 609(b)(2) of such
3 Act (22 U.S.C. 7708(b)(2)) is amended—

4 (A) by amending the paragraph heading to
5 read as follows: “COUNTRY CONTRIBUTIONS”;
6 and

7 (B) by striking “with respect to a lower
8 middle income country described in section
9 606(b),”.

10 (3) AMENDMENT TO AUTHORIZATION TO PRO-
11 VIDE ASSISTANCE FOR CANDIDATE COUNTRIES.—
12 Section 616(b)(1) of such Act (22 U.S.C.
13 7715(b)(1)) is amended by striking “subsection (a)
14 or (b) of section 606” and inserting “section
15 606(a)”.

16 (d) MODIFICATION TO FACTORS IN DETERMINING
17 ELIGIBILITY.—Section 607(c)(2) of the Millennium Chal-
18 lenge Act of 2003 (22 U.S.C. 7706(c)(2)) is amended in
19 the matter preceding subparagraph (A) by striking “con-
20 sider” and inserting “prioritize need and impact by con-
21 sidering”.

