AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4350
OFFERED BY MR. MEEKS OF NEW YORK

At the appropriate place in title XII, insert the following:

SEC. 12. DEFENSE AND DIPLOMATIC STRATEGY FOR SYRIA.

(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President, acting through the Secretary of State and in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report that contains a description of the United States defense and diplomatic strategy for Syria.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection (a) shall include the following elements:

(1) A United States diplomatic strategy for Syria, including a description of the desired diplomatic objectives for advancing United States national interests in Syria, desired end-goals, and a description of the intended diplomatic and related foreign policy means to achieve such objectives.

(2) A United States defense strategy for Syria, including a description of the security objectives the
United States aims to achieve, including the objectives and desired end-state for the United States military presence in northeast Syria, envisioned transition timeline for security responsibilities to the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), and status of remaining ISIS elements.

(3) A description of United States strategy and objectives for United States military support to and coordination with the Jaysh Maghawir al-Thawra (“MaT”) including transition plan and operational needs in and around Al-Tanf.

(4) A plan for enduring security of ISIS detainees currently held in SDF secured facilities (including so-called “third country fighters” as well as Iraqi and Syrian national ISIS detainees) accounting for security of personnel and facilities involved.

(5) A diplomatic strategy for securing the repatriation of remaining ISIS “third country fighters” to countries of origin, including a comprehensive breakdown of each country of origin and number of detainees yet to be repatriated.

(6) A plan for the resettlement and disposition of ISIS connected women and children in remaining detention facilities, including roles and responsibilities of counter-ISIS coalition partners.
(7) A detailed assessment of the security and humanitarian situation at the internally displaced persons camp at Rukban.

(8) A plan for diplomatic and humanitarian engagement with regional partners and multilateral institutions to ensure successful and safe delivery of continued humanitarian assistance to non-regime held areas of Syria.

(e) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

(d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(1) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

(2) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.