

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2410
OFFERED BY MR. SMITH OF NEW JERSEY

Page 130, beginning line 9, strike section 334 and
insert the following:

1 SEC. 334. OFFICE FOR GLOBAL WOMEN'S ISSUES.

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established an Office
3 for Global Women's Issues (in this section referred to as
4 the "Office") in the Office of the Secretary of State in
5 the Department of State. The Office shall be headed by
6 the Ambassador-at-Large (in this section referred to as
7 the "Ambassador"), who shall be appointed by the Presi-
8 dent, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.
9 The Ambassador shall report directly to the Secretary of
10 State.

11 (b) PURPOSE.—The Office shall coordinate efforts of
12 the United States Government regarding the full integra-
13 tion of women and girls and women's empowerment in
14 United States foreign policy.

15 (c) DUTIES.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Ambassador shall—

17 (A) coordinate and advise on activities,
18 policies, programs, and funding relating to the
19 full integration of women and girls and wom-

1 en's empowerment internationally for all bu-
2 reaus and offices of the Department of State
3 and in the international programs of other
4 United States Government departments and
5 agencies;

6 (B) design, support, promote, and, as ap-
7 propriate, implement policies, programs, and
8 activities to—

9 (i) expand and improve upon the edu-
10 cational opportunities of women and girls,
11 particularly those of poor women, refugees,
12 and internally displaced women, and
13 women living in cultures that do not recog-
14 nize a woman's equal right to education;

15 (ii) expand opportunities for women to
16 participate in job training programs and
17 microfinance and microenterprise initia-
18 tives, including savings-led approaches,
19 particularly for women living on less than
20 the equivalent of \$1 per day;

21 (iii) protect the property and inherit-
22 ance rights of women;

23 (iv) ensure that women receive equal
24 pay as men for equal work;

1 (v) change male attitudes and behav-
2 ior that are detrimental to the realization
3 of the human rights of women;

4 (vi) improve maternal health, by pro-
5 viding medicine, supplies, training of mid-
6 wives and other health professionals, ac-
7 cess to safe blood, and increasing access to
8 medical facilities for emergency obstetric
9 care;

10 (vii) establish pregnancy care centers
11 where women in need of assistance during
12 pregnancy can obtain emotional support,
13 legal and educational referrals, prenatal in-
14 formation, maternity and baby clothes,
15 housing referrals, information on other
16 community services, and adoption informa-
17 tion;

18 (viii) eliminate coercive family plan-
19 ning practices, including coercive abortion
20 and sterilization;

21 (ix) eliminate sex-selection abortion;

22 (x) prevent and treat cases of obstet-
23 ric fistula;

24 (xi) eliminate female genital cutting;

25 (xii) eliminate child marriage;

1 (xiii) ensure that refugee women and
2 girls and women in other vulnerable situa-
3 tions have secure shelter and safe access to
4 water, sanitation facilities, food and health
5 care;

6 (xiv) prevent and respond to violence
7 against women through efforts aimed at
8 the individual, family, community, local,
9 national, international, and multilateral
10 levels; and

11 (xv) prevent and prosecute the sex
12 and labor trafficking of women and girls,
13 and protect and assist in the safe re-inte-
14 gration of women and girls who have been
15 trafficked;

16 (C) actively promote and advance the full
17 integration of analysis on women's involvement
18 into the programs, structures, processes, and
19 capacities of all bureaus and offices of the De-
20 partment of State and in the international pro-
21 grams of other United States Government de-
22 partments and agencies; and

23 (D) direct, as appropriate, United States
24 Government resources to respond to needs for
25 the full integration of women and girls and

1 women's empowerment in United States Gov-
2 ernment foreign policies and international pro-
3 grams.

4 (2) COORDINATING ROLE.—The Ambassador
5 shall coordinate with the United States Agency for
6 International Development and the Millennium Chal-
7 lenge Corporation on all policies, programs, and
8 funding of such agencies relating to the full integra-
9 tion of women and girls and women's empowerment.

10 (3) DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION.—Subject to
11 the direction of the President and the Secretary of
12 State, the Ambassador is authorized to represent the
13 United States in matters relevant to the status of
14 women internationally.

15 (d) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—It is the policy of the United
17 States Government not to lobby sovereign countries,
18 including through multilateral mechanisms, to
19 change their domestic laws and policies to legalize,
20 fund, or promote abortion except in cases of forcible
21 rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother.

22 (2) OPERATION.—All activities of the Office
23 and the Ambassador shall be in accordance with the
24 policy stated in (1).

1 (e) REPORTING.—The heads of all bureaus and of-
2 fices of the Department of State, as appropriate, shall
3 evaluate and monitor all women’s empowerment programs
4 administered by such bureaus and offices and annually
5 submit to the Ambassador a report on such programs and
6 on policies and practices that integrate women and girls.

7 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of the
8 amounts authorized to be appropriated under section 101,
9 there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may
10 be necessary for each of fiscal years 2010 and 2011 to
11 carry out activities under this section. Funds appropriated
12 pursuant to this subsection shall be under the direct con-
13 trol of the Ambassador.

