

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To provide for a statement of policy.

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To foster stability in Syria, and for other purposes.

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. CASEY

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1       On page 5, between lines 15 and 16, insert the fol-  
2       lowing:

3       **SEC. 4. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

4       It is the policy of the United States—

5               (1) to strongly condemn the ongoing violence  
6       and widespread human rights violations perpetrated  
7       against the Syrian people by the regime of President  
8       Bashar al-Assad;

9               (2) to support civilians and innocent victims of  
10      the conflict in Syria, particularly women and chil-  
11      dren who are displaced and vulnerable, to physical  
12      and psychological exploitation;

1           (3) to assist the people of Syria in meeting  
2 basic needs, including access to food, health care,  
3 shelter, and clean drinking water;

4           (4) to affirm the neutrality of medical profes-  
5 sionals providing humanitarian assistance and health  
6 care on a non-political basis and to condemn attacks  
7 against such personnel or interference in the provi-  
8 sion of medical care;

9           (5) to support efforts of democratically oriented  
10 political opposition groups in Syria to agree upon a  
11 political transition plan that is inclusive and protects  
12 the rights of all minority ethnic groups in the coun-  
13 try;

14           (6) to work with the international community,  
15 including multilateral organizations and host coun-  
16 tries, to support Syrian refugees in Lebanon, Tur-  
17 key, Jordan, Egypt, Iraq, and other host countries;

18           (7) to welcome the pledges of humanitarian as-  
19 sistance made by the Governments of Australia, Bot-  
20 swana, Brazil, Canada, China, India, Japan, Repub-  
21 lic of Korea, Kuwait, Morocco, New Zealand, Qatar,  
22 Saudi Arabia, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates,  
23 and members of the European Union, and to encour-  
24 age prompt delivery of those pledges which will con-  
25 tribute to meeting the needs of the victims of this

1 conflict, and to encourage all donors to coordinate  
2 with the United Nations;

3 (8) to support efforts to identify, recover, and  
4 dispose of chemical weapons and other conventional  
5 and unconventional weapons stockpiled in Syria;

6 (9) to recognize the National Coalition for Syr-  
7 ian Revolutionary and Opposition Forces (SOC) as  
8 the sole and legitimate representative of the people  
9 of Syria;

10 (10) to support the efforts of the National Coa-  
11 lition for Syrian Revolutionary and Opposition  
12 Forces (SOC) to establish a transitional government;

13 (11) to support transparent and impartial judi-  
14 cial processes, in which Syrians have a leading voice,  
15 for all those who have committed gross violations of  
16 human rights and international law, while noting  
17 that the majority of these violations have been com-  
18 mitted by the Assad regime;

19 (12) to help ensure that, once a stable transi-  
20 tional government is established in Syria, it is com-  
21 mitted to multiparty democracy, open and trans-  
22 parent governance, respect for human rights and re-  
23 ligious freedom, protection of refugees and asylees,  
24 promoting peace and stability with its neighbors, en-

1 hancing the rule of law, and rehabilitating and re-  
2 integrating former combatants;

3 (13) to affirm that the end of the Assad regime  
4 is in the national security interests of the United  
5 States, as it would weaken the position of Iran and  
6 Hezbollah in the region and allow for the return of  
7 displaced persons currently seeking refuge in host  
8 countries; and

9 (14) to fully implement existing sanctions on  
10 Syria, including Executive Order 13606, dated April  
11 22, 2012, which sanctions any individual or entity  
12 that assists or enables the commission of serious  
13 human rights abuses, through computer or network  
14 disruption, tracking, or monitoring, by the Govern-  
15 ment of Syria or the Government of Iran.