

SA 2091. Mr. CORNYN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4049, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in division A, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . CENTRAL AMERICA STRATEGY.

(a) Short Title.--This section may be cited as the ``Central America Strategy Act of 2020''.

(b) Appropriate Congressional Committees Defined.--In this section, the term ``appropriate congressional committees'' means--

- (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate;
- (2) the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate;
- (3) the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;
- (4) the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate;
- (5) the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate;
- (6) the Committee on Finance of the Senate;
- (7) the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;
- (8) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate;
- (9) the Caucus on International Narcotics Control of the Senate;
- (10) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives;
- (11) the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives;
- (12) the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives;
- (13) the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives;
- (14) the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives;
- (15) the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives; and
- (16) the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

(c) Strategy.--

(1) Development.--Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of Defense, the Director of National Intelligence, the Attorney General, the Secretary of Commerce, the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, the Chief Executive Officer of the Development Finance Corporation, and the Chief Executive Officer of the Millennium Challenge Corporation shall develop, consistent with the safeguards protecting certain national security information from unauthorized disclosure, and submit to the appropriate congressional committees a

strategy for--

(A) reducing the flow of narcotics into the United States and combating the influence of transnational criminal organizations through law enforcement and cooperation with international partners;

(B) strengthening democratic institutions, the rule of law, anti-corruption policies, and human rights efforts in Central America; and

(C) curtailing unauthorized immigration to the United States by addressing the root causes of migration in Central America.

(2) Activities.--The strategy developed under this subsection shall include--

(A) supporting anti-corruption efforts that strengthen the capacities of law enforcement, the justice sector, and financial institutions;

(B) establishing and reinforcing regional counternarcotics trafficking initiatives to interdict flow of narcotics, including cocaine, fentanyl, and fentanyl precursors and analogs, being smuggled into the United States;

(C) establishing a multilateral Commission Against Illicit Opioids, Narcotics, and International Organized Crime among the United States, Mexico, and countries in Central America and South America to regularly review the results of enhanced law enforcement and justice cooperation;

(D) creating a regional Commission for the Northern Triangle to coordinate anti-corruption initiatives that strengthen domestic institutions and provide technical assistance to local prosecutors;

(E) supporting national, local, and community-based crime and violence prevention efforts;

(F) assessing port security and opportunities to promote trade through enhanced partnership, leadership training, technology modernization, and trusted trader programs;

(G) establishing and reinforcing reintegration programs for repatriated persons that reduce the likelihood for repeated unauthorized migration to the United States;

(H) developing a market-based approach to investment and development that identifies opportunities for private investment and roles for the United States International Development Finance Corporation, the Millennium Challenge Corporation, and the United States Agency for International Development;

(I) promoting the establishment and supervision of effective tax collection and enforcement systems;

(J) identifying opportunities for regional and international partnerships;

(K) providing a comprehensive assessment of the current sanctions regime and making recommendations for the most efficient use of sanctions to deter corruption, insecurity, and the key drivers of migration;

(L) assessing the resources necessary to promote the strategy; and

(M) providing legislative recommendations that are necessary to implement the strategy.

(d) Report.--In conjunction with the submission of the strategy under subsection (c), the Secretary of State shall

submit a comprehensive report to the appropriate congressional committees that--

(1) identifies all United States aid programs benefitting Central American countries;

(2) indicates which of these programs are consistent with the strategy under subsection (c);

(3) provides measurable outcomes regarding the progress made by each such program; and

(4) includes recommendations regarding which of these programs should be maintained, modified, or eliminated.
