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RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117–23
TEXT OF H.R. 5665, COMBATING INTERNATIONAL
ISLAMOPHOBIA ACT

**[Showing the text of H.R. 5665, as ordered reported by the
Committee on Foreign Affairs.]**

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Combating Inter-
3 national Islamophobia Act”.

4 SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE
5 TO MONITOR AND COMBAT ISLAMOPHOBIA.

6 Title I of the State Department Basic Authorities Act
7 of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2651a et seq.) is amended by adding
8 at the end the following new section:

9 “SEC. 64. MONITORING AND COMBATING ISLAMOPHOBIA.

10 “(a) OFFICE TO MONITOR AND COMBAT
11 ISLAMOPHOBIA.—

12 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of State
13 shall establish within the Department of State an
14 Office to Monitor and Combat Islamophobia (in this
15 section referred to as the ‘Office’).

16 “(2) HEAD OF OFFICE.—

17 “(A) SPECIAL ENVOY FOR MONITORING
18 AND COMBATING ISLAMOPHOBIA.—The head of

1 the Office shall be the Special Envoy for Moni-
2 toring and Combating Islamophobia (in this
3 section referred to as the ‘Special Envoy’).

4 “(B) APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL ENVOY.—

5 The President, by and with the advice and con-
6 sent of the Senate shall appoint the Special
7 Envoy. If the President determines that such is
8 appropriate, the President may appoint the
9 Special Envoy from among officers and employ-
10 ees of the Department of State. The Secretary
11 of State may allow such officer or employee to
12 retain the position (and the responsibilities as-
13 sociated with such position) held by such officer
14 or employee prior to such appointment.

15 “(b) PURPOSE OF OFFICE.—Upon establishment, the
16 Office shall assume primary responsibility for the fol-
17 lowing:

18 “(1) Monitoring and combating acts of
19 Islamophobia and Islamophobic incitement that
20 occur in foreign countries.

21 “(2) Coordinating and assisting in the prepara-
22 tion of that portion of the reports required by para-
23 graph (9) of section 116(d) and subsection (k) of
24 section 502B of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961
25 (22 U.S.C. 2151n(d) and 2304) relating to an as-

1 sessment and description of the nature and extent of
2 acts of Islamophobia and Islamophobic incitement.

3 “(3) Coordinating and assisting in the prepara-
4 tion of that portion of the report required by clause
5 (viii) of section 102(b)(1)(A) of the International
6 Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C.
7 6412(b)(1)(A)) relating to an assessment and de-
8 scription of the nature and extent of acts of
9 Islamophobia and Islamophobic incitement.

10 “(c) CONSULTATIONS.—The Special Envoy shall con-
11 sult with domestic and international nongovernmental or-
12 ganizations and multilateral organizations and institu-
13 tions, as the Special Envoy considers appropriate, to carry
14 out this section.”.

15 **SEC. 3. INCLUSION IN DEPARTMENT OF STATE ANNUAL RE-**
16 **PORTS OF INFORMATION CONCERNING ACTS**
17 **OF ISLAMOPHOBIA IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.**

18 (a) INCLUSION IN ANNUAL COUNTRY REPORTS ON
19 HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES.—The Foreign Assistance
20 Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.) is amended—

21 (1) in section 116(d) (22 U.S.C. 2151n(d))—

22 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (9), (10),
23 (11), and (12), as paragraphs (10), (11), (12),
24 and (13), respectively; and

1 (B) by inserting after paragraph (8) the
2 following new paragraph:

3 “(9) wherever applicable, a description of the
4 nature and extent of acts of Islamophobia and
5 Islamophobic incitement that occur during the pre-
6 ceding year, including descriptions of—

7 “(A) acts of physical violence against, or
8 harassment of, Muslim people, and acts of vio-
9 lence against, or vandalism of, Muslim commu-
10 nity institutions, including schools, mosques,
11 and cemeteries;

12 “(B) instances of propaganda in govern-
13 ment and nongovernment media that attempt to
14 justify or promote racial hatred or incite acts of
15 violence against Muslim people;

16 “(C) the actions, if any, taken by the gov-
17 ernment of the country to respond to such vio-
18 lence and attacks or to eliminate such propa-
19 ganda or incitement;

20 “(D) the actions taken by such government
21 to enact and enforce laws relating to the protec-
22 tion of the right to religious freedom of Muslim
23 people;

24 “(E) the efforts of such government to
25 promote anti-bias and tolerance education; and

1 “(F) any instances of forced labor, reedu-
2 cation, or the presence of concentration camps,
3 such as those targeting the Uyghurs in the
4 Xinjiang Province of the People’s Republic of
5 China;” and

6 (2) in section 502B (22 U.S.C. 2304), by—

7 (A) redesignating the second subsection (i)
8 (relating to child marriage status) as subsection
9 (j); and

10 (B) by adding at the end the following new
11 subsection:

12 “(k) INFORMATION CONCERNING ACTS OF
13 ISLAMOPHOBIA IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.—The report re-
14 quired by subsection (b) shall include, wherever applicable,
15 a description of the nature and extent of acts of
16 Islamophobia and Islamophobic incitement that occur dur-
17 ing the preceding year, including descriptions of—

18 “(1) acts of physical violence against, or harass-
19 ment of, Muslim people, and acts of violence against,
20 or vandalism of, Muslim community institutions, in-
21 cluding schools, mosques, and cemeteries;

22 “(2) instances of propaganda in government
23 and nongovernment media that attempt to justify or
24 promote racial hatred or incite acts of violence
25 against Muslim people;

1 “(3) the actions, if any, taken by the govern-
2 ment of the country to respond to such violence and
3 attacks or to eliminate such propaganda or incite-
4 ment;

5 “(4) the actions taken by such government to
6 enact and enforce laws relating to the protection of
7 the right to religious freedom of Muslim people;

8 “(5) the efforts of such government to promote
9 anti-bias and tolerance education; and

10 “(6) any instances of forced labor, reeducation,
11 or the presence of concentration camps, such as
12 those targeting the Uyghurs in the Xinjiang Prov-
13 ince of the People’s Republic of China.”.

14 (b) INCLUSION IN ANNUAL REPORT ON INTER-
15 NATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.—Section 102(b)(1)(A)
16 of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22
17 U.S.C. 6412(b)(1)(A)) is amended—

18 (1) in clause (vi), by striking “and” at the end;

19 (2) in clause (vii)(II), by striking the period at
20 the end and inserting “; and”; and

21 (3) by adding at the end the following new
22 clause:

23 “(viii) wherever applicable, an assess-
24 ment and description of the nature and ex-
25 tent of acts of Islamophobia and

1 Islamophobic incitement that occur in that
2 country during the preceding the year, in-
3 cluding—

4 “(I) acts of physical violence
5 against, or harassment of, Muslim
6 people, acts of violence against, or
7 vandalism of, Muslim community in-
8 stitutions, instances of propaganda in
9 government and nongovernment media
10 that incite such acts, and statements
11 and actions relating thereto;

12 “(II) the actions taken by the
13 government of that country to re-
14 spond to such violence and attacks or
15 to eliminate such propaganda or in-
16 citement, to enact and enforce laws
17 relating to the protection of the right
18 to religious freedom of Muslims, and
19 to promote anti-bias and tolerance
20 education; and

21 “(III) any instances of forced
22 labor, reeducation, or the presence of
23 concentration camps, such as those
24 targeting the Uyghurs in the Xinjiang

1 Province of the People's Republic of
2 China.”.

3 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE OF INCLUSIONS.—The amend-
4 ments made by subsections (a) and (b) shall apply begin-
5 ning with the first reports required under sections 116(d)
6 and 502B of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22
7 U.S.C. 2151n and 2304) and section 102(b)(1)(A) of the
8 International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C.
9 6312(b)(1)(A)) that are submitted after the date that is
10 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

11 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITION.**

12 No funds made available pursuant to this Act or an
13 amendment made by this Act may be used to promote or
14 endorse a Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) move-
15 ment ideology or used to promote or endorse a Muslim
16 ban, such as the one instituted by former President
17 Trump.

