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115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To increase accountability, combat corruption, and strengthen management effectiveness at the World Bank.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BARR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

To increase accountability, combat corruption, and strengthen management effectiveness at the World Bank.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “World Bank Account-  
5 ability Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. WITHHOLDING OF FUNDS UNTIL CERTAIN CONDI-**  
7 **TIONS ARE MET.**

8 (a) INSTITUTIONAL REFORMS.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to each of fis-  
2           cal years 2018 through 2023, in addition to any  
3           amounts withheld from disbursement under sub-  
4           section (b), 15 percent of the amounts provided in  
5           appropriations Acts for the International Develop-  
6           ment Association for the fiscal year—

7                   (A) shall be withheld from disbursement  
8                   until the conditions of paragraph (2) or (3) are  
9                   satisfied; and

10                   (B)(i) shall be disbursed after, the condi-  
11                   tions of paragraph (2) are satisfied; and

12                   (ii) may be disbursed after, the conditions  
13                   of paragraph (3) are satisfied

14           (2) INITIAL CONDITIONS.—The conditions of  
15           this paragraph are satisfied with respect to the  
16           amounts provided in appropriations Acts for a fiscal  
17           year if, in the fiscal year, the Secretary of the Treas-  
18           ury reports to the appropriate congressional commit-  
19           tees that the International Bank for Reconstruction  
20           and Development—

21                   (A) is implementing institutional incen-  
22                   tives, including through formal staff evaluation  
23                   criteria, that prioritize poverty reduction, devel-  
24                   opment outcomes, and capable project manage-

1           ment over the volume of the Bank's lending and  
2           grantmaking;

3           (B) is taking, or has completed, steps to  
4           address the management failures described in  
5           Inspection Panel Investigation Report 106710–  
6           UG, and to prevent their recurrence in coun-  
7           tries that are eligible for World Bank support;  
8           and

9           (C) is taking measures to strengthen its  
10          management of trust funds, with the goal of in-  
11          creasing the accountability of the trust funds  
12          for poverty reduction and development out-  
13          comes.

14          (3) SUBSEQUENT CONDITIONS.—The conditions  
15          of this paragraph are satisfied if the Secretary of  
16          the Treasury reports to the appropriate congress-  
17          sional committees, in each of the 3 fiscal years most  
18          recently preceding the fiscal year in which the report  
19          is made, that the International Bank for Recon-  
20          struction and Development has instituted the meas-  
21          ures described in paragraph (2) of this subsection  
22          and the measures described in subsection (b)(2).

23          (b) GOVERNANCE AND ANTICORRUPTION RE-  
24          FORMS.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to each of fis-  
2           cal years 2018 through 2023, in addition to any  
3           amounts withheld from disbursement under sub-  
4           section (a), 15 percent of the amounts provided in  
5           appropriations Acts for the International Develop-  
6           ment Association for the fiscal year—

7                   (A) shall be withheld from disbursement  
8                   until the conditions of paragraph (2) or (3) are  
9                   satisfied; and

10                   (B)(i) shall be disbursed after, the condi-  
11                   tions of paragraph (2) are satisfied; and

12                   (ii) may be disbursed after, the conditions  
13                   of paragraph (3) are satisfied

14           (2) INITIAL CONDITIONS.—The conditions of  
15           this paragraph are satisfied with respect to the  
16           amounts provided in appropriations Acts for a fiscal  
17           year if, in the fiscal year, the Secretary of the Treas-  
18           ury reports to the appropriate congressional commit-  
19           tees that the International Bank for Reconstruction  
20           and Development—

21                   (A) is emphasizing in appropriate oper-  
22                   ational policies, directives, and country strate-  
23                   gies its support for secure property rights, due  
24                   process of law, and economic freedom as essen-

1           tial conditions for sustained poverty reduction  
2           in World Bank borrowing countries;

3           (B)(i) has not approved any loans or  
4           grants assistance by the Bank to a country des-  
5           ignated by the United States as a state sponsor  
6           of terrorism in the preceding fiscal year; and

7           (ii) is strengthening the ability of Bank-  
8           funded projects to undermine violent extre-  
9           mism;

10          (C) is taking steps to conduct randomized  
11          forensic audits of projects receiving assistance  
12          from the Bank, increase the number of the au-  
13          dits, and strengthen the capacity of the Bank's  
14          Integrity Vice Presidency; and

15          (D) is taking measures to detect and mini-  
16          mize corruption in all World Bank projects in-  
17          volving development policy lending.

18          (3) SUBSEQUENT CONDITIONS.—The conditions  
19          of this paragraph are satisfied if the Secretary of  
20          the Treasury reports to the appropriate congres-  
21          sional committees, in each of the 3 fiscal years most  
22          recently preceding the fiscal year in which the report  
23          is made that the International Bank for Reconstruc-  
24          tion and Development has instituted the measures

1 described in paragraph (2) of this subsection and  
2 the measures described in subsection (a)(2).

3 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-  
4 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congress-  
5 sional committees” means the Committees on Financial  
6 Services and on Appropriations of the House of Rep-  
7 resentatives and the Committees on Foreign Relations and  
8 on Appropriations of the Senate.

9 **SEC. 3. REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

10 The Chairman of the National Advisory Council on  
11 International Monetary and Financial Policies shall in-  
12 clude in the report required by section 1701 of the Inter-  
13 national Financial Institutions Act for each of fiscal years  
14 2018 through 2023 a detailed description of the actions  
15 undertaken by the International Bank for Reconstruction  
16 and Development in the fiscal year covered by the report  
17 to institute the measures described in subsections (a)(2)  
18 and (b)(2) of section 2 of this Act.

19 **SEC. 4. EIGHTEENTH REPLENISHMENT OF THE INTER-**  
20 **NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION; RE-**  
21 **DUCTION FROM IDA-17 AUTHORIZED LEVEL.**

22 The International Development Association Act (22  
23 U.S.C. 284 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the  
24 following:

1 **“SEC. 30. EIGHTEENTH REPLENISHMENT.**

2       “(a) CONTRIBUTION AUTHORITY.—The United  
3 States Governor of the International Development Asso-  
4 ciation may contribute on behalf of the United States  
5 \$3,291,030,000 to the eighteenth replenishment of the re-  
6 sources of the Association, subject to obtaining the nec-  
7 essary appropriations.

8       “(b) LIMITATIONS ON AUTHORIZATION OF APPRO-  
9 PRIATIONS.—In order to pay for the contribution provided  
10 for in subsection (a), there are authorized to be appro-  
11 priated, without fiscal year limitation, \$3,291,030,000 for  
12 payment by the Secretary of the Treasury.”.