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Nepal Recovery Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Feb 2, 2016

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114 HR 4674	Related bill	Mar 2, 2016: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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(Sec. 5) This bill authorizes the President to provide technical and financial assistance for programs that: (1) improve Nepal's basic infrastructure following the earthquakes in affected communities; (2) support economic growth, including through agriculture and small-scale enterprise opportunities; (3) promote health and basic education programs; and (4) support democracy programs that promote political reforms, including strengthening democratic institutions and rule of law.

The United States Trade and Development Agency may provide accelerated response in Nepal for:

- project identification and investment analyses;
- trade capacity building and sector development activities, including technical assistance and feasibility studies that support investments in infrastructure that contribute to overseas development; and
- trade capacity building and sector development assistance supporting the establishment of industry standards, market liberalization, and other policy reform, with a particular focus on engineering and construction.

(Sec. 6) The U.S Agency for International Development shall report to Congress regarding:

- the effectiveness of U.S. investment in Nepal in disaster risk reduction and recovery program improvement; and
- the effectiveness of international humanitarian and reconstruction assistance provided to Nepal, and a related assessment of U.S. anti-corruption efforts.

The Department of State shall report to Congress regarding impediments to Nepal's recovery efforts.

(Sec. 7) FY 2017-FY2018 appropriations are authorized.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 2, 2016:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Corker with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Feb 2, 2016:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 357.
- **Jan 28, 2016:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jul 29, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 29, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.