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# H. R. 5535

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 23, 2019

Mr. CHABOT (for himself and Mr. SHERMAN) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## A BILL

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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 “Taiwan Envoy Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. SENATE CONFIRMATION REQUIRED OF AN INDI-**

6 **VIDUAL APPOINTED TO SERVE AS DIRECTOR**

7 **OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE IN TAIWAN.**

8 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
9 gress that an extended period without a Director of the

1 American Institute in Taiwan would be detrimental to  
2 United States interests.

3 (b) SENATE CONFIRMATION.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other  
5 provision of law, the President shall appoint, by and  
6 with the advice and consent of the Senate, an indi-  
7 vidual to serve as the Director of the American In-  
8 stitute in Taiwan.

9 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take  
10 effect beginning with the first appointment by the  
11 President of an individual to serve as the Director  
12 of the American Institute in Taiwan that is made  
13 after the date of the enactment of this section.

14 (c) LOCATION IN TAIPEI.—An individual who serves  
15 as the Director of the American Institute in Taiwan shall  
16 serve at the Institute in Taipei, Taiwan.

17 (d) RANK AND STATUS.—The Director of the Amer-  
18 ican Institute in Taiwan shall have the rank and status  
19 of Ambassador at Large.

20 (e) SUCCESSOR POSITION.—Any reference to the po-  
21 sition of Director of the American Institute in Taiwan in  
22 this section includes any similar successor position.

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