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.AMENDMENT NO. \_\_

S.L.C.

Purpose: To require reports with respect to the holding of a referendum on Western Sahara.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES-106th Cong., 1st Sess.

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1'0 authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2000 and 2001; to provide for enhanced security at United States diplomatic facilities; to provide for certain arms control, nonproliferation, and other national security measures; to provide for reform of the United Nations; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_  
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A.1\1ENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. KENNEDY

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1 On page 115: after line 18, add the following new

2 section:

3 SEC. \_\_. REPORTS WITH RESPECT TO A REFERENDUM ON

4 WESTERN SAHARA.

5 (a ) REPORTS REQUIRED.-

6 (.1) IN G;~NERAL.-Not later than each of the

7 dates specified in paragraph (2)1 the Secretary of

8 State shan submit a. report to the appropriate con-

9 gressional committees describing specific steps being

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1                   taken by the Government of Morocco and by the  
 2                   Popular Front for the Liberation of Saguia el-  
 3                   Hamra and Rio de Oro (POLISARIO) to ensure  
 4                   that a referendum in which the people of the West-  
 5                   ern Sahara will choose between independence and in-  
 6                   tegration with Morocco will be held by March 2000.

7                   (2) DE-LINES FOR SUBMISSION OF RE-  
 8                   PORTS.-The, dates referred to in paragraph (1) are  
 9                   November 1, 1999, and February 1, 2000.

10                  (b) REPORT ELEMENTS.-The report shall include-

11                   (1) a description of preparations for the ref-  
 12                  erendum,

13                   (2) a description of current efforts by the De-  
 14                  partment of State to ensure that a referendum will  
 15                  be held by March 2000;

16                   (3) an assessment of the likelihood that the  
 17                  March 2000 date will be met,

18                   (4) a description of obstacles, if any, to the  
 19                  voter-registration process and other preparations for  
 20                  the referendum, and efforts being made by the par-  
 21                  tics and the United States Government to overcome  
 22                  those obstacles;

23                   (5) an assessment of progress being made in  
 24                  the repatriation process; and