

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 278

To prohibit the use of United States Government funds for art in United States embassies and consulates, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 12, 2021

Mr. BURCHETT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “No Taxpayer-Funded
5 Art in Embassies Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—No funds are authorized to be ap-
8 propriated, and the Secretary of State may not obligate
9 or expend any funds, for the purchase, installation, insur-
10 ance, or transport of any art for the purposes of installa-

1 tion or display in any embassy, consulate, or other foreign
2 mission of the United States.

3 (b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “art” in-
4 cludes paintings, sculptures, photographs, industrial de-
5 sign, and craft art.

