103d CONGRESS 2d Session **H. R. 5081**

To provide for a demonstration project by Federal Prison Industries.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 22, 1994 Mr. HUGHES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 SEC. . PRISON INDUSTRIES DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 1761 of
5 title 18, United States Code—

6 (1) Federal Prison Industries shall, not later 7 than December 1, 1995, establish a demonstration 8 project in which prisoners are paid wages at rates, 9 not less than the Federal minimum wage applicable 10 for similar work done by free labor, to engage in the 11 production of goods, of a type currently made primarily in foreign countries, which may be sold do mestically to the general public at market prices;
 and

4 (2) the Director of the Bureau of Prisons may 5 deduct from any wages paid to a prisoner that is equal to or in excess of the legal minimum wage 6 7 paid to free laborers engaged in the same sort of work at the place where the prisoner's work is done 8 9 an amount, not to exceed 80 percent of the wages, the Director determines will defray the costs to the 10 11 United States associated with the imprisonment of 12 that prisoner.

(b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than two
years after the demonstration project under subsection (a)
is begun, Federal Prison Industries and the Director of
the Bureau of Prisons shall jointly report to Congress on
the demonstration project, including a description of its
economic viability, and make recommendations as to
whether such project should be continued or expanded.

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