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S. 1256

To amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to examine the status of the human rights of people with disabilities worldwide.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 16 (legislative day, JUNE 30), 1993

Mr. DOLE (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HELMS, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SIMON, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. DURENBERGER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. INOUE, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MITCHELL, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. HATFIELD, Mrs. KASSEBAUM, Mr. MOYNIHAN, and Mr. HATCH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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 “Disability Rights in
5 American Foreign Policy Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

1 (1) at least 500 million people throughout the
2 world have a disability, most of whom live in devel-
3 oping countries;

4 (2) legal and other forms of discrimination
5 against people with disabilities are pervasive world-
6 wide;

7 (3) such discrimination involves not only active
8 exclusion, but a lack of accommodations and acces-
9 sibility that would allow participation by people with
10 disabilities;

11 (4) discrimination against people with disabil-
12 ities is a violation of their human rights; and

13 (5) discrimination against people with disabil-
14 ities has not historically been addressed by existing
15 standards of human rights employed in American
16 foreign policy.

17 (b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this Act to pro-
18 mote recognition of the human rights of people with dis-
19 abilities and to promote the elimination of discrimination
20 against such people.

21 **SEC. 3. DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PEOPLE WITH DISABIL-**
22 **ITIES INCLUDED IN ANNUAL REPORT ON**
23 **HUMAN RIGHTS.**

24 (a) Section 116(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of
25 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151n(d)) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
2 (2);

3 (2) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
4 graph (4); and

5 (3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the follow-
6 ing:

7 “(3) an examination of discrimination toward
8 people with disabilities; and”.

9 (b) Section 502B(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act
10 of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2304) is amended by inserting “dis-
11 ability,” after “language,”.

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