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# S. 342

To extend certain privileges, exemptions, and immunities to Hong Kong  
Economic and Trade Offices.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 24, 1997

Mr. THOMAS (for himself and Mr. ROBB) introduced the following bill; which  
was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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## A BILL

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Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices.

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. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN PRIVILEGES, EXEMP-**  
4 **TIONS, AND IMMUNITIES TO HONG KONG**  
5 **ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICES.**

6 (a) APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZA-  
7 TIONS IMMUNITIES ACT.—The provisions of the Inter-  
8 national Organizations Immunities Act (22 U.S.C. 288 et  
9 seq.) may be extended to the Hong Kong Economic and  
10 Trade Offices in the same manner, to the same extent,

1 and subject to the same conditions as such provisions may  
2 be extended to a public international organization in which  
3 the United States participates pursuant to any treaty or  
4 under the authority of any Act of Congress authorizing  
5 such participation or making an appropriation for such  
6 participation.

7 (b) APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT  
8 ON CERTAIN STATE AND LOCAL TAXATION.—The Presi-  
9 dent is authorized to apply the provisions of Article I of  
10 the Agreement on State and Local Taxation of Foreign  
11 Employees of Public International Organizations, done at  
12 Washington on April 21, 1994, to the Hong Kong Eco-  
13 nomic and Trade Offices.

14 (c) DEFINITION.—The term “Hong Kong Economic  
15 and Trade Offices” refers to Hong Kong’s official eco-  
16 nomic and trade missions in the United States.

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