

In the Senate of the United States,

May 9, 2001.

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 428) entitled “An Act concerning the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization.”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENT:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

1 ***SECTION 1. CONCERNING THE PARTICIPATION OF TAIWAN***
2 ***IN THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION***
3 ***(WHO).***

4 *(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress makes the following*
5 *findings:*

6 *(1) Good health is important to every citizen of*
7 *the world and access to the highest standards of health*
8 *information and services is necessary to improve the*
9 *public health.*

10 *(2) Direct and unobstructed participation in*
11 *international health cooperation forums and pro-*

1 *grams is beneficial for all parts of the world, espe-*
2 *cially with today's greater potential for the cross-bor-*
3 *der spread of various infectious diseases such as the*
4 *human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), tuberculosis,*
5 *and malaria.*

6 *(3) Taiwan's population of 23,500,000 people is*
7 *larger than that of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the member states already*
8 *in the World Health Organization (WHO).*

9 *(4) Taiwan's achievements in the field of health*
10 *are substantial, including one of the highest life ex-*
11 *pectancy levels in Asia, maternal and infant mor-*
12 *tality rates comparable to those of western countries,*
13 *the eradication of such infectious diseases as cholera,*
14 *smallpox, and the plague, and the first to eradicate*
15 *polio and provide children with hepatitis B vaccina-*
16 *tions.*

17 *(5) The United States Centers for Disease Con-*
18 *trol and Prevention and its Taiwan counterpart*
19 *agencies have enjoyed close collaboration on a wide*
20 *range of public health issues.*

21 *(6) In recent years Taiwan has expressed a will-*
22 *ingness to assist financially and technically in inter-*
23 *national aid and health activities supported by the*
24 *WHO.*

1 (7) *On January 14, 2001, an earthquake, reg-*
2 *istering between 7.6 and 7.9 on the Richter scale,*
3 *struck El Salvador. In response, the Taiwanese gov-*
4 *ernment sent 2 rescue teams, consisting of 90 individ-*
5 *uals specializing in firefighting, medicine, and civil*
6 *engineering. The Taiwanese Ministry of Foreign Af-*
7 *airs also donated \$200,000 in relief aid to the Salva-*
8 *doran Government.*

9 (8) *The World Health Assembly has allowed ob-*
10 *servers to participate in the activities of the organiza-*
11 *tion, including the Palestine Liberation Organization*
12 *in 1974, the Order of Malta, and the Holy See in the*
13 *early 1950's.*

14 (9) *The United States, in the 1994 Taiwan Pol-*
15 *icy Review, declared its intention to support Tai-*
16 *wan's participation in appropriate international or-*
17 *ganizations.*

18 (10) *Public Law 106–137 required the Secretary*
19 *of State to submit a report to the Congress on efforts*
20 *by the executive branch to support Taiwan's partici-*
21 *pation in international organizations, in particular*
22 *the WHO.*

23 (11) *In light of all benefits that Taiwan's par-*
24 *ticipation in the WHO can bring to the state of*
25 *health not only in Taiwan, but also regionally and*

1 *globally, Taiwan and its 23,500,000 people should*
2 *have appropriate and meaningful participation in*
3 *the WHO.*

4 **(b) PLAN.**—*The Secretary of State is authorized—*

5 *(1) to initiate a United States plan to endorse*
6 *and obtain observer status for Taiwan at the annual*
7 *week-long summit of the World Health Assembly in*
8 *May 2001 in Geneva, Switzerland; and*

9 *(2) to instruct the United States delegation to*
10 *Geneva to implement that plan.*

11 **(c) REPORT.**—*Not later than 14 days after the date*
12 *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall*
13 *submit a written report to the Congress in unclassified form*
14 *containing the plan authorized under subsection (b).*

Attest:

Secretary.

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