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S. 1260

To provide funds for the planning of a special census of Americans residing abroad.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ROCKEFELLER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental 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. FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

5 (1) an estimated 3,000,000 to 6,000,000 Amer-
6 icans live and work overseas while continuing to vote
7 and pay taxes in the United States;

8 (2) Americans residing abroad help increase ex-
9 ports of American goods because they traditionally
10 buy American, sell American, and create business

1 opportunities for American companies and workers,
2 thereby strengthening the United States economy,
3 creating jobs in the United States, and extending
4 United States influence around the globe;

5 (3) Americans residing abroad play a key role
6 in advancing this Nation's interests by serving as
7 economic, political, and cultural "ambassadors" of
8 the United States; and

9 (4) the major business, civic, and community
10 organizations representing Americans and companies
11 of the United States abroad support the counting of
12 all Americans residing abroad by the Bureau of the
13 Census, and are prepared to assist the Bureau of
14 the Census in this task.

15 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
16 gress that—

17 (1) the Bureau of the Census should carry out
18 a special census of all Americans residing abroad in
19 2004;

20 (2) the Bureau should, after completing that
21 special census, review the means by which Ameri-
22 cans residing abroad may be included in the 2010
23 decennial census;

24 (3) the Bureau should take appropriate meas-
25 ures to provide for the inclusion of Americans resid-

1 ing abroad in the 2010 decennial census and decen-
2 nial censuses thereafter; and

3 (4) in order to ensure that the measures speci-
4 fied in the preceding provisions of this subsection
5 can be completed in timely fashion, the Bureau
6 should begin planning as soon as possible for the
7 special census described in paragraph (1).

8 **SEC. 2. FUNDING TO BEGIN PLANNING FOR A SPECIAL CEN-**
9 **SUS OF AMERICANS RESIDING ABROAD.**

10 For necessary expenses in connection with the plan-
11 ning of a special census of Americans residing abroad (as
12 described in section 1(b)(1)), there is appropriated, out
13 of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
14 \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2002, to remain available until
15 expended.

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