

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 872

To authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2004 and 2005 for United States contributions to the International Fund for Ireland, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 10, 2003

Mr. SANTORUM 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 “Northern Ireland
5 Peace and Reconciliation Support Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The United States has been effectively en-
9 gaged in the Northern Ireland peace process through
10 both participating in negotiations and contributing

1 to the economic development of Northern Ireland
2 and border areas of the Republic of Ireland that are
3 affected by the conflict in Northern Ireland.

4 (2) The Government of Ireland, the Irish peo-
5 ple, the Government of the United Kingdom, and the
6 British people are longstanding friends of the United
7 States Government and the people of the United
8 States.

9 (3) In 1986, the United States, in support of
10 the Agreement Between the Government of Ireland
11 and the Government of the United Kingdom dated
12 November 15, 1985 (“Anglo-Irish Agreement”), es-
13 tablished the International Fund for Ireland (“Inter-
14 national Fund”) to help bolster economic develop-
15 ment and support programs that would foster peace
16 and reconciliation in Northern Ireland and the af-
17 fected border areas of the Republic of Ireland.

18 (4) The United States has been a generous and
19 faithful donor to the International Fund, contrib-
20 uting more than \$386,000,000 to help improve rela-
21 tions between Catholics and Protestants in Northern
22 Ireland through the creation of thousands of jobs
23 and the development of business opportunities that
24 allow Catholics and Protestants to work together.

1 (5) More than 80 percent of the International
2 Fund's investments have been in disadvantaged
3 areas. Programs funded by the investments offer
4 work experience and important job training pro-
5 grams to disadvantaged and unemployed youth
6 through the economic, social, and physical regenera-
7 tion of such areas.

8 (6) The International Fund has also developed
9 a series of community-building programs promoting
10 greater dialogue and understanding between Catho-
11 lics and Protestants and leadership programs de-
12 signed to develop a new generation of leaders in
13 Northern Ireland to bring about a more peaceful
14 and prosperous future in the region.

15 (7) Section 2(b) of the Anglo-Irish Agreement
16 Support Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-415; 100 Stat.
17 947), states that the purpose of the United States
18 contributions to the International Fund is to support
19 the promotion of "reconciliation in Northern Ireland
20 and the establishment of a society in Northern Ire-
21 land in which all may live in peace, free from dis-
22 crimination, terrorism, and intolerance, and with the
23 opportunity for both communities to participate fully
24 in the structures and processes of government".

1 (8) United States assistance to the Inter-
2 national Fund has contributed greatly to the eco-
3 nomic development of Northern Ireland and to ac-
4 complishing the objectives of the Anglo-Irish Agree-
5 ment Support Act of 1986, economic development
6 and reconciliation, which are critical to achieving a
7 just and lasting peace in the region, especially in the
8 economically depressed areas of Northern Ireland.

9 (9) The Agreement Reached in the Multi-Party
10 Negotiations in Belfast on April 10, 1998 (the
11 “Good Friday Agreement”) created the Northern
12 Ireland Executive Assembly and Executive Com-
13 mittee and provided for a “democratically elected
14 Assembly in Northern Ireland which is inclusive in
15 its membership, capable of exercising executive and
16 legislative authority, and subject to safeguards to
17 protect the rights and interests of all sides of the
18 community”.

19 (10) The Good Friday Agreement also called
20 for police reform and establishment of a “new begin-
21 ning” in policing in Northern Ireland with an effec-
22 tive, accountable, and fair police service capable of
23 attracting and sustaining support from the commu-
24 nity as a whole, capable of maintaining law and

1 order, and based on principles of protection of
2 human rights.

3 (11) In 1999, the Independent Commission on
4 Policing in Northern Ireland, a commission required
5 by the Good Friday Agreement, made 175 rec-
6 ommendations for policing reform in Northern Ire-
7 land, some of which have been implemented.

8 (12) In 2002, the Department of State issued
9 a report required by section 701(d) of the Foreign
10 Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003 (Pub-
11 lic Law 107–228; 116 Stat. 1419), entitled “Report
12 on Policing Reform and Human Rights in Northern
13 Ireland”. The report concluded that a new police
14 training facility and an increase in funding for police
15 training programs were critically needed in Northern
16 Ireland.

17 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

18 It is the sense of Congress that—

19 (1) although there has been positive economic
20 development in both the Republic of Ireland and
21 Northern Ireland, the United States should continue
22 to contribute to the International Fund to support
23 much needed programs in economically depressed
24 areas of Northern Ireland as such programs remain

1 very important to accomplishing the objectives of the
2 Anglo-Irish Agreement Support Act of 1986;

3 (2) the United States should support an expan-
4 sion of reconciliation projects funded by the Inter-
5 national Fund as a way to promote peace and eco-
6 nomic stability in Northern Ireland; and

7 (3) as policing reform is a significant part of
8 winning public confidence and acceptance of the new
9 form of government in Northern Ireland, the Inter-
10 national Fund should support programs to enhance
11 relations between communities and between the po-
12 lice officers and the communities served by such offi-
13 cers, promote human rights training for police offi-
14 cers, and enhance peaceful mediation in neighbor-
15 hoods of continued conflict.

16 **SEC. 4. PURPOSES OF THE ANGLO-IRISH AGREEMENT SUP-**
17 **PORT ACT OF 1986.**

18 Section 2(b) of the Anglo-Irish Agreement Support
19 Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-415; 100 Stat. 947) is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 “(b) PURPOSES.—

22 “(1) PURPOSE OF THIS ACT.—The purpose of
23 this Act is to provide for United States contributions
24 in support of the Anglo-Irish Agreement, such con-
25 tributions to consist of economic support fund assist-

1 ance for payment to the International Fund estab-
 2 lished pursuant to the Anglo-Irish Agreement, as
 3 well other assistance to serve as an incentive for eco-
 4 nomic development and reconciliation in Ireland and
 5 Northern Ireland.

6 “(2) PURPOSE OF UNITED STATES CONTRIBU-
 7 TIONS TO THE INTERNATIONAL FUND.—The pur-
 8 pose of United States contributions to the Inter-
 9 national Fund is to support the Anglo-Irish Agree-
 10 ment in promoting reconciliation in Northern Ire-
 11 land and the establishment of a society in Northern
 12 Ireland in which all may live in peace, free from dis-
 13 crimination, terrorism, and intolerance, and with the
 14 opportunity for both communities to participate fully
 15 in the structures and processes of government, in-
 16 cluding through the support of the programs de-
 17 scribed in section 3(b).”.

18 **SEC. 5. UNITED STATES CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE INTER-**
 19 **NATIONAL FUND UNDER THE ANGLO-IRISH**
 20 **AGREEMENT SUPPORT ACT OF 1986.**

21 The text of section 3 of the Anglo-Irish Agreement
 22 Support Act of 1986 (Public Law 99–415; 100 Stat. 947)
 23 is amended to read as follows:

24 “(a) IN GENERAL.—

1 “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of
2 the amounts made available for fiscal years 2004
3 and 2005 to carry out chapter 4 of part II of the
4 Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2346 et
5 seq.) there are authorized to be appropriated
6 \$25,000,000 for each such fiscal year for United
7 States contributions to the International Fund.

8 “(2) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AUTHORIZED.—
9 Amounts authorized to be appropriated under para-
10 graph (1) may remain available until expended.

11 “(b) SPECIFIC PROGRAMS.—

12 “(1) POLICE-COMMUNITY RELATIONS.—United
13 States contributions to the International Fund may
14 be used to fund programs to enhance relations be-
15 tween communities and between police officers and
16 the communities served by such officers, to promote
17 human rights training for police officers, to enhance
18 peaceful mediation in neighborhoods of continued
19 conflict, and to promote training programs to en-
20 hance the new district partnership police boards rec-
21 ommended by the Commission into Policing for
22 Northern Ireland established by the Agreement
23 Reached in the Multi-Party Negotiations in Belfast
24 on April 10, 1998.

1 “(2) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of
2 Congress that not less than 20 percent of the
3 amount authorized to be appropriated for each of
4 fiscal years 2004 and 2005 under this subsection
5 should be used to fund the programs described in
6 paragraph (1).”.

7 **SEC. 6. CONTENT OF ANNUAL REPORT.**

8 Section 6(1) of the Anglo-Irish Agreement Support
9 Act of 1986 (Public Law 99–415; 100 Stat. 949) is
10 amended by inserting before the semicolon at the end the
11 following: “, including specifically through improving local
12 community relations and relations between the police offi-
13 cers and the people served by such officers”.

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