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S. 3099

To prohibit the use of funds by the Department of Defense for propaganda purposes within the United States not otherwise specifically authorized by law.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. LAUTENBERG) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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. PROHIBITIONS RELATING TO PROPAGANDA.**

4 (a) PROHIBITION.—No funds appropriated or other-
5 wise made available by any Act may be used by the De-
6 partment of Defense for propaganda purposes within the
7 United States not otherwise specifically authorized by law.

8 (b) REPORTS.—Not later than 90 days after the date
9 of the enactment of this Act, the Inspector General of the

1 Department of Defense and the Comptroller General of
2 the United States shall each conduct a study of, and sub-
3 mit to Congress a report on, the extent to which the De-
4 partment of Defense has violated the prohibition on propa-
5 ganda established in section 8001 of Public Laws 107-
6 117, 107-248, 108-87, 108-287, 109-148, 109-289, and
7 110-116, the Department of Defense Appropriations Acts
8 for fiscal years 2002 through 2008.

9 (c) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
10 term “propaganda” means any form of communication in
11 support of national objectives designed to influence the
12 opinions, emotions, attitudes, or behavior of the people of
13 the United States in order to benefit the sponsor, either
14 directly or indirectly.

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