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To authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, and for other purposes.

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself and Mr. PAYNE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International 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 “Foreign Relations Au-
5 thorization Act, Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007”.

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1 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) **APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-**
 4 **TEES.**—The term “appropriate congressional com-
 5 mittees” means the Committee on International Re-
 6 lations of the House of Representatives and the
 7 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

8 (2) **DEPARTMENT.**—The term “Department”
 9 means the Department of State.

10 (3) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means
 11 the Secretary of State.

12 **TITLE I—AUTHORIZATIONS OF**
 13 **APPROPRIATIONS**

14 **SEC. 101. ADMINISTRATION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.**

15 The following amounts are authorized to be appro-
 16 priated for the Department of State under “Administra-

1 tion of Foreign Affairs” to carry out the authorities, func-
2 tions, duties, and responsibilities in the conduct of foreign
3 affairs of the United States and for other purposes author-
4 ized by law:

5 (1) DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR PROGRAMS.—
6 For “Diplomatic and Consular Programs”,
7 \$3,769,118,000 for fiscal year 2006, and
8 \$3,896,611,500 for fiscal year 2007.

9 (A) WORLDWIDE SECURITY UPGRADES.—
10 In addition to amounts authorized to be appro-
11 priated under paragraph (1), \$689,523,000 for
12 fiscal year 2006, and \$710,208,690 for fiscal
13 year 2007, are authorized to be appropriated
14 for worldwide security upgrades.

15 (B) PUBLIC DIPLOMACY.—Of the amounts
16 authorized to be appropriated under paragraph
17 (1), \$333,863,000 for fiscal year 2006, and
18 \$343,699,000 for fiscal year 2007, are author-
19 ized to be appropriated for public diplomacy.

20 (C) BUREAU OF DEMOCRACY, HUMAN
21 RIGHTS, AND LABOR.—Of the amounts author-
22 ized to be appropriated under paragraph (1),
23 \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2006, and
24 \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2007, are author-
25 ized to be appropriated for salaries and ex-

1 penses of the Bureau of Democracy, Human
2 Rights, and Labor.

3 (D) ANTI-SEMITISM.—Of the amounts au-
4 thorized to be appropriated under paragraph
5 (1), \$225,000 for fiscal year 2006 and
6 \$225,000 for fiscal year 2007 are authorized to
7 be appropriated for necessary expenses to fund
8 secondments, hiring of staff, and support tar-
9 geted projects of the Office of Democratic Insti-
10 tutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) of the Or-
11 ganization for Security and Cooperation in Eu-
12 rope (OSCE) regarding anti-Semitism and in-
13 tolerance and for the OSCE/ODIHR Law En-
14 forcement Officers Hate Crimes Training Pro-
15 gram.

16 (E) RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.—

17 (i) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts au-
18 thorized to be appropriated under para-
19 graph (1), \$205,000 for fiscal year 2006
20 and \$205,000 for fiscal year 2007 are au-
21 thorized to be appropriated for necessary
22 expenses to fund activities of the Organiza-
23 tion for Security and Cooperation in Eu-
24 rope relating to freedom of religion and be-
25 lief.

1 (ii) OSCE PROJECTS, ACTIVITIES,
2 AND MISSIONS.—

3 (I) PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES.—

4 Of the amounts authorized to be ap-
5 propriated under subparagraph (A),
6 \$125,000 for fiscal year 2006 and
7 \$125,000 for fiscal year 2007 are au-
8 thorized to be appropriated for nec-
9 essary expenses to fund for
10 secondments, hiring of staff, and sup-
11 port targeted projects of the Office of
12 Democratic Institutions and Human
13 Rights (ODIHR) of the Organization
14 for Security and Cooperation in Eu-
15 rope (OSCE) regarding religious free-
16 dom and for the OSCE/ODIHR Panel
17 of Experts on Freedom of Religion or
18 Belief.

19 (II) MISSIONS.—Of the amounts
20 authorized to be appropriated under
21 subparagraph (A), \$80,000 for fiscal
22 year 2006 and \$80,000 for fiscal year
23 2007 are authorized to be appro-
24 priated for OSCE Missions in Arme-
25 nia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan,

1 Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan
2 and Uzbekistan for activities to ad-
3 dress issues relating to religious free-
4 dom and belief and to fund the hiring
5 of new staff who are dedicated to reli-
6 gious freedom and belief.

7 (F) CHARLES B. RANGEL INTERNATIONAL
8 AFFAIRS PROGRAM.—Of the amounts author-
9 ized to be appropriated under paragraph (1),
10 \$1,500,000 for fiscal year 2006 and \$1,500,000
11 for fiscal year 2007 are authorized to be appro-
12 priated for the Charles B. Rangel International
13 Affairs Program at Howard University.

14 (2) CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND.—For “Cap-
15 ital Investment Fund”, \$131,000,000 for fiscal year
16 2006, and \$131,000,000 for fiscal year 2007.

17 (3) EMBASSY SECURITY, CONSTRUCTION AND
18 MAINTENANCE.—For “Embassy Security, Construc-
19 tion and Maintenance”, \$1,526,000,000 for fiscal
20 year 2006, and \$1,550,000,000 for fiscal year 2007.

21 (4) EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE
22 PROGRAMS.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—For “Educational and
24 Cultural Exchange Programs”, \$428,900,000

1 for the fiscal year 2006, and \$438,500,000 for
2 fiscal year 2007.

3 (B) SUMMER INSTITUTES FOR KOREAN
4 STUDENT LEADERS.—Of the amounts author-
5 ized to be appropriated under subparagraph
6 (A), \$750,000 for fiscal year 2006 and
7 \$750,000 for fiscal year 2007 are authorized to
8 be appropriated for summer academic study
9 programs in the United States (focusing on
10 United States political systems, government in-
11 stitutions, society, and democratic culture) for
12 college and university students from the Repub-
13 lic of Korea, to be known as the “United States
14 Summer Institutes for Korean Student Lead-
15 ers”.

16 (C) SUDANESE SCHOLARSHIPS.—Of the
17 amounts authorized to be available under sub-
18 paragraph (A), \$500,000 for fiscal year 2004
19 and \$500,000 for fiscal year 2005 is authorized
20 to be available for scholarships for students
21 from southern Sudan for secondary or postsec-
22 ondary education in the United States, to be
23 known as “Sudanese Scholarships”.

1 (5) REPRESENTATION ALLOWANCES.—For
2 “Representation Allowances”, \$8,281,000 for fiscal
3 year 2006, and \$8,281,000 for fiscal year 2007.

4 (6) PROTECTION OF FOREIGN MISSIONS AND
5 OFFICIALS.—For “Protection of Foreign Missions
6 and Officials”, \$9,390,000 for fiscal year 2006 and
7 \$9,390,000 for fiscal year 2007.

8 (7) EMERGENCIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC AND
9 CONSULAR SERVICE.—For “Emergencies in the Dip-
10 lomatic and Consular Service”, \$12,143,000 for fis-
11 cal year 2006, and \$12,143,000 for fiscal year 2007.

12 (8) REPATRIATION LOANS.—For “Repatriation
13 Loans”, \$1,319,000 for fiscal year 2006, and
14 \$1,319,000 for fiscal year 2007.

15 (9) PAYMENT TO THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE IN
16 TAIWAN.—For “Payment to the American Institute
17 in Taiwan”, \$19,751,000 for fiscal year 2006, and
18 \$20,146,020 for fiscal year 2007.

19 (10) OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL.—
20 For “Office of the Inspector General”, \$29,983,000
21 for fiscal year 2006, and \$29,983,000 for fiscal year
22 2007.

1 **SEC. 102. CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZA-**
2 **TIONS.**

3 (a) **ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL**
4 **ORGANIZATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appro-
5 priated for “Contributions to International Organiza-
6 tions”, \$1,296,500,000 for fiscal year 2006 and
7 \$1,322,430,000 for fiscal year 2007, for the Department
8 of State to carry out the authorities, functions, duties, and
9 responsibilities in the conduct of the foreign affairs of the
10 United States with respect to international organizations
11 and to carry out other authorities in law consistent with
12 such purposes.

13 (b) **CONTRIBUTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE-**
14 **KEEPING ACTIVITIES.**—There are authorized to be appro-
15 priated for “Contributions for International Peacekeeping
16 Activities”, \$1,035,500,000 for fiscal year 2006, and such
17 sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007, for the
18 Department of State to carry out the authorities, func-
19 tions, duties, and responsibilities of the United States with
20 respect to international peacekeeping activities and to
21 carry out other authorities in law consistent with such
22 purposes. Amounts appropriated pursuant to this sub-
23 section are authorized to remain available until expended.

24 (c) **FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATES.**—

25 (1) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—In
26 addition to amounts authorized to be appropriated

1 by subsection (a), there are authorized to be appro-
2 priated such sums as may be necessary for each of
3 fiscal years 2006 and 2007 to offset adverse fluctua-
4 tions in foreign currency exchange rates.

5 (2) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts appro-
6 priated under this subsection shall remain available
7 for obligation and expenditure only to the extent
8 that the Director of the Office of Management and
9 Budget determines and certifies to Congress that
10 such amounts are necessary due to such fluctua-
11 tions.

12 **SEC. 103. INTERNATIONAL COMMISSIONS.**

13 The following amounts are authorized to be appro-
14 priated under “International Commissions” for the De-
15 partment of State to carry out the authorities, functions,
16 duties, and responsibilities in the conduct of the foreign
17 affairs of the United States and for other purposes author-
18 ized by law:

19 (1) INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER
20 COMMISSION, UNITED STATES AND MEXICO.—For
21 “International Boundary and Water Commission,
22 United States and Mexico”—

23 (A) for “Salaries and Expenses”,
24 \$28,200,000 for fiscal year 2006, and
25 \$28,200,000 for fiscal year 2007; and

1 (B) for “Construction”, \$6,100,000 for fis-
2 cal year 2006, and \$6,100,000 for fiscal year
3 2007.

4 (2) INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION,
5 UNITED STATES AND CANADA.—For “International
6 Boundary Commission, United States and Canada”,
7 \$1,429,000 for fiscal year 2006 and \$1,429,000 for
8 fiscal year 2007.

9 (3) INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION.—For
10 “International Joint Commission”, \$6,320,000 for
11 fiscal year 2006 and \$6,320,000 for fiscal year
12 2007.

13 (4) INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES COMMIS-
14 SIONS.—For “International Fisheries Commissions”,
15 \$25,123,000 for fiscal year 2006 and \$25,123,000
16 for fiscal year 2007.

17 **SEC. 104. MIGRATION AND REFUGEE ASSISTANCE.**

18 There are authorized to be appropriated for the De-
19 partment of State for “Migration and Refugee Assistance”
20 for authorized activities, \$955,000,000 for fiscal year
21 2006 and \$983,650,000 for fiscal year 2007.

22 **SEC. 105. CENTERS AND FOUNDATIONS.**

23 (a) ASIA FOUNDATION.—There are authorized to be
24 appropriated for “The Asia Foundation” for authorized

1 activities, \$18,000,000 for fiscal year 2006 and
2 \$18,000,000 for fiscal year 2007.

3 (b) NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR DEMOCRACY.—
4 There are authorized to be appropriated for the “National
5 Endowment for Democracy” for authorized activities,
6 \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2006 and \$80,000,000 for fis-
7 cal year 2007.

8 (c) CENTER FOR CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL INTER-
9 CHANGE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST.—There are author-
10 ized to be appropriated for the “Center for Cultural and
11 Technical Interchange Between East and West” for au-
12 thorized activities, \$13,024,000 for fiscal year 2006 and
13 \$13,024,000 for fiscal year 2007.

14 **SEC. 106. UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING**
15 **ACTIVITIES.**

16 The following amounts are authorized to be appro-
17 priated to carry out United States Government inter-
18 national broadcasting activities under the United States
19 Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948, the
20 Radio Broadcasting to Cuba Act, the Television Broad-
21 casting to Cuba Act, the United States International
22 Broadcasting Act of 1994, and the Foreign Affairs Re-
23 form and Restructuring Act of 1998, and to carry out
24 other authorities in law consistent with such purposes:

1 (1) For “International Broadcasting Oper-
2 ations”, \$603,394,000 for fiscal year 2006 and
3 \$621,495,820 for fiscal year 2007. Of the amounts
4 authorized to be appropriated under under this
5 paragraph, \$5,000,000 is authorized to be appro-
6 priated for fiscal year 2006 and \$5,000,000 is au-
7 thorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2007 for
8 increased broadcasting to Belarus.

9 (2) For “Broadcasting Capital Improvements”,
10 \$26,893,000 for fiscal year 2006 and \$26,893,000
11 for fiscal year 2007.

12 (3) For “Broadcasting to Cuba”, \$37,931,000
13 for fiscal year 2006 and \$29,931,000 for fiscal year
14 2007, to remain available until expended, for nec-
15 essary expenses to enable the Broadcasting Board of
16 Governors to carry out broadcasting to Cuba, includ-
17 ing the purchase, rent, construction, and improve-
18 ment of facilities for radio and television trans-
19 mission and reception, and the purchase, lease, and
20 installation of necessary equipment, including air-
21 craft, for radio and television transmission and re-
22 ception.

1 **TITLE II—DEPARTMENT OF**
2 **STATE AUTHORITIES AND AC-**
3 **TIVITIES**

4 **SEC. 201. INTERFERENCE WITH PROTECTIVE FUNCTIONS.**

5 (a) OFFENSE.—Chapter 7 of title 18, United States
6 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
7 section:

8 **“§ 117. Interference with certain protective functions**

9 “Whoever knowingly and willfully obstructs, resists,
10 or interferes with a Federal law enforcement agent en-
11 gaged, within the United States or the special maritime
12 and territorial jurisdiction of the United States, in the per-
13 formance of the protective functions authorized by section
14 37 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956
15 (22 U.S.C. 2709) or section 103 of the Diplomatic Secu-
16 rity Act (22 U.S.C. 4802) shall be fined under this title
17 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.”.

18 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
19 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding
20 at the end the following new item:

“117. Interference with certain protective functions.”.

21 **SEC. 202. INTERNATIONAL LITIGATION FUND.**

22 Section 38(d)(3) of the State Department Basic Au-
23 thorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2710(d)(3)) is amend-
24 ed—

1 (1) by inserting “as a result of a decision of an
2 international tribunal,” after “received by the De-
3 partment of State”; and

4 (2) by inserting a comma after “United States
5 Government”.

6 **SEC. 203. RETENTION OF MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENTS.**

7 Section 904 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22
8 U.S.C. 4084) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing new subsection:

10 “(g) Reimbursements paid to the Department of
11 State for funding the costs of medical care abroad for em-
12 ployees and eligible family members shall be credited to
13 the currently available applicable appropriation account.
14 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, such reim-
15 bursements shall be available for obligation and expendi-
16 ture during the fiscal year in which they are received or
17 for such longer period of time as may be provided in law.”.

18 **SEC. 204. BUYING POWER MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.**

19 Section 24(b)(7) of the State Department Basic Au-
20 thorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2696(b)(7)) is amended
21 by striking subparagraph (D).

22 **SEC. 205. ACCOUNTABILITY REVIEW BOARDS.**

23 Section 301(a) of the Diplomatic Security Act (22
24 U.S.C. 4831(a)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “paragraph
2 (2)” and inserting “paragraphs (2) and (3)”; and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following new
4 paragraph:

5 “(3) FACILITIES IN AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ.—

6 “(A) LIMITED EXEMPTIONS FROM RE-
7 QUIREMENT TO CONVENE BOARD.—The Sec-
8 retary of State is not required to convene a
9 Board in the case of an incident that—

10 “(i) involves serious injury, loss of
11 life, or significant destruction of property
12 at, or related to, a United States Govern-
13 ment mission in Afghanistan or Iraq; and

14 “(ii) occurs during the period begin-
15 ning on July 1, 2004 and ending on Sep-
16 tember 30, 2009.

17 “(B) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—In the
18 case of an incident described in subparagraph
19 (A), the Secretary shall—

20 “(i) promptly notify the Committee on
21 International Relations of the House of
22 Representatives and the Committee on
23 Foreign Relations of the Senate of the in-
24 cident;

1 “(ii) conduct an inquiry of the inci-
2 dent; and

3 “(iii) upon completion of the inquiry
4 required by clause (ii), submit to each such
5 Committee a report on the findings and
6 recommendations related to such inquiry
7 and the actions taken with respect to such
8 recommendations.”.

9 **SEC. 206. DESIGNATION OF COLIN L. POWELL RESIDENTIAL**
10 **PLAZA.**

11 (a) The Federal building in Kingston, Jamaica, for-
12 merly known as the Crowne Plaza and currently a staff
13 housing facility for the Embassy of the United States in
14 Jamaica, shall be known and designated as the “Colin L.
15 Powell Residential Plaza”.

16 (b) Any reference in a law, map, regulation, docu-
17 ment, paper, or other record of the United States to the
18 Federal building referred to in subsection (a) shall be
19 deemed to be a reference to the “Colin L. Powell Residen-
20 tial Plaza”.

21 **SEC. 207. REMOVAL OF CONTRACTING PROHIBITION.**

22 Section 406(c) of the Omnibus Diplomatic Security
23 and Antiterrorism Act of 1986 (P.L. 99–399) (relating
24 to the ineligibility of persons doing business with Libya
25 to be awarded a contract) is repealed.

1 **TITLE III—ORGANIZATION AND**
2 **PERSONNEL OF THE DEPART-**
3 **MENT OF STATE**

4 **SEC. 301. EDUCATION ALLOWANCES.**

5 Section 5924(4) of title 5, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) in the first sentence of subparagraph (A),
8 by inserting “United States” after “nearest”;

9 (2) by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting
10 the following new subparagraph:

11 “(B) The travel expenses of dependents of
12 an employee to and from a secondary or post-
13 secondary educational institution, not to exceed
14 one annual trip each way for each dependent,
15 except that an allowance payment under sub-
16 paragraph (A) may not be made for a depend-
17 ent during the 12 months following the arrival
18 of the dependent at the selected educational in-
19 stitution under authority contained in this sub-
20 paragraph.”; and

21 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
22 paragraph:

23 “(D) Allowances provided pursuant to sub-
24 paragraphs (A) and (B) may include, at the
25 election of the employee, payment or reimburse-

1 ment of the costs incurred to store baggage for
2 the employee's dependent at or in the vicinity of
3 the dependent's school during the dependent's
4 annual trip between the school and the employ-
5 ee's duty station, except that such payment or
6 reimbursement may not exceed the cost that the
7 Government would incur to transport the bag-
8 gage with the dependent in connection with the
9 annual trip, and such payment or reimburse-
10 ment shall be in lieu of transportation of the
11 baggage.”.

12 **SEC. 302. OFFICIAL RESIDENCE EXPENSES.**

13 Section 5913 of Title 5, United States Code, is
14 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
15 section:

16 “(c) Funds made available under subsection (b) may
17 be provided in advance to persons eligible to receive reim-
18 bursements.”.

19 **SEC. 303. INCREASED LIMITS APPLICABLE TO POST DIF-**
20 **FERENTIALS AND DANGER PAY ALLOW-**
21 **ANCES.**

22 (a) REPEAL OF LIMITED-SCOPE EFFECTIVE DATE
23 FOR PREVIOUS INCREASE.—Subsection (c) of section 591
24 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related

1 Programs Appropriations Act, 2004 (division D of Public
2 Law 108–199) is repealed.

3 (b) POST DIFFERENTIALS.—Section 5925(a) of title
4 5, United States Code, is amended in the third sentence
5 by striking “25 percent of the rate of basic pay or, in the
6 case of an employee of the United States Agency for Inter-
7 national Development,”.

8 (c) DANGER PAY ALLOWANCES.—Section 5928 of
9 title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking “25
10 percent of the basic pay of the employee or 35 percent
11 of the basic pay of the employee in the case of an employee
12 of the United States Agency for International Develop-
13 ment” both places that it appears and inserting “35 per-
14 cent of the basic pay of the employee”.

15 (d) CRITERIA.—The Secretary of State shall inform
16 the Committee on International Relations of the House
17 of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Rela-
18 tions of the Senate of the criteria to be used in determina-
19 tions of appropriate adjustments in post differentials
20 under section 5925(a) of title 5, United States Code, as
21 amended by subsection (b), and danger pay allowances
22 under section 5928 of title 5, United States Code, as
23 amended by subsection (c).

24 (e) STUDY AND REPORT.—Not later than two years
25 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary

1 of State shall conduct a study assessing the effect of the
2 increases in post differentials and danger pay allowances
3 made by the amendments in subsections (b) and (c), re-
4 spectively, in filling “hard-to-fill” positions and shall sub-
5 mit a report of such study to the congressional committees
6 described in subsection (d).

7 **SEC. 304. HOME LEAVE.**

8 Chapter 9 of title I of the Foreign Service Act of
9 1980 (relating to travel, leave, and other benefits) is
10 amended—

11 (1) in section 901(6) (22 U.S.C. 4081(6)), by
12 striking “unbroken by home leave” both places that
13 it appears; and

14 (2) in section 903(a) (22 U.S.C. 4083), by
15 striking “18 months” and inserting “12 months”.

16 **SEC. 305. OVERSEAS EQUALIZATION AND COMPARABILITY**
17 **PAY ADJUSTMENT.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 4 of the Foreign Service
19 Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 3961 et seq.) (relating to com-
20 pensation) is amended by adding at the end the following
21 new section:

22 **“SEC. 415. OVERSEAS COMPARABILITY PAY ADJUSTMENT.**

23 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with subsection
24 (c), a member of the Service who is designated class 1
25 or below and who does not have as an official duty station

1 a location in the continental United States or in a non-
2 foreign area shall receive locality-based comparability pay-
3 ments under section 5304 of title 5, United States Code,
4 that would be paid to such member if such member's offi-
5 cial duty station would have been Washington, D.C.

6 “(b) TREATMENT AS BASIC PAY.—The locality-based
7 comparability payment described in subsection (a) shall—

8 “(1) be considered to be part of the basic pay
9 of a member in accordance with section 5304 of title
10 5, United States Code, for the same purposes for
11 which comparability payments are considered to be
12 part of basic pay under such section; and

13 “(2) be subject to any applicable pay limita-
14 tions.

15 “(c) PHASE-IN.—The comparability pay adjustment
16 described under this section shall be paid to a member
17 described in subsection (a) in three phases, as follows:

18 “(1) In fiscal year 2006, 33.33 percent of the
19 amount of such adjustment to which such member
20 is entitled.

21 “(2) In fiscal year 2007, 66.66 percent of the
22 amount of such adjustment to which such member
23 is entitled.

1 “(3) In fiscal year 2008 and subsequent fiscal
2 years, 100.00 percent of the amount of such adjust-
3 ment to which such member is entitled.”.

4 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS RELATING TO THE
5 RETIREMENT AND DISABILITY SYSTEM OF THE FOREIGN
6 SERVICE.—

7 (1) CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND.—Section
8 805(a) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22
9 U.S.C. 4045(a)) is amended—

10 (A) in paragraph (1)—

11 (i) in the first sentence, by striking
12 “7.25 percent” and inserting “7.00 per-
13 cent”; and

14 (ii) in the second sentence, by striking
15 “The contribution by the employing agen-
16 cy” through “and shall be made” and in-
17 serting “An equal amount shall be contrib-
18 uted by the employing agency”;

19 (B) in paragraph (2)—

20 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
21 “plus an amount equal to .25 percent of
22 basic pay”; and

23 (ii) in subparagraph (B), in the first
24 sentence, by striking “plus an amount
25 equal to .25 percent of basic pay”; and

1 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “plus .25
2 percent”.

3 (2) COMPUTATION OF ANNUITIES.—Section
4 806(a)(9) of such Act (22 U.S.C. 4046(a)(9)) is
5 amended—

6 (A) by striking “is outside” and inserting
7 “was outside”; and

8 (B) by inserting after “continental United
9 States” the following: “for any period of time
10 from December 29, 2002, to the first day of the
11 first full pay period beginning after the date of
12 applicability of the overseas comparability pay
13 adjustment under section 415”;

14 (3) ENTITLEMENT TO ANNUITY.—Section
15 855(a)(3) of such Act (22 U.S.C. 4071d(a)(3)) is
16 amended—

17 (A) by striking “is outside” and inserting
18 “was outside”; and

19 (B) by inserting after “continental United
20 States” the following: “for any period of time
21 from December 29, 2002, to the first day of the
22 first full pay period beginning after the date of
23 applicability of the overseas comparability pay
24 adjustment under section 415”.

1 (4) DEDUCTIONS AND WITHHOLDINGS FROM
 2 PAY.—Section 856(a)(2) of such Act (22 U.S.C.
 3 4071e(a)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

4 “(2) The applicable percentage under this sub-
 5 section shall be as follows:

Percentage	Time Period
7.5	Before January 1, 1999.
7.75	January 1, 1999, to Decem- ber 31, 1999.
7.9	January 1, 2000, to Decem- ber 31, 2000.
7.55	January 11, 2003, to Sep- tember 30, 2004.
7.5	After September 30, 2004.”.

6 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 7 this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment
 8 of this Act and apply beginning on the first day of the
 9 first full pay period beginning after such date.

10 **SEC. 306. FELLOWSHIP OF HOPE PROGRAM.**

11 (a) FELLOWSHIP AUTHORIZED.—Chapter 5 of title
 12 I of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 3981
 13 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following
 14 new section:

15 **“SEC. 506. FELLOWSHIP OF HOPE.**

16 “(a) The Secretary is authorized to establish a pro-
 17 gram to be known as the ‘Fellowship of Hope Program’.
 18 Under the Program, the Secretary may assign a member
 19 of the Service, for not more than one year, to a position
 20 with any designated country or designated entity that per-

1 mits an employee of such country or entity to be assigned
2 to a position with the Department.

3 “(b) The salary and benefits of a member of the Serv-
4 ice shall be paid as described in subsection (b) of section
5 503 during a period in which such member is participating
6 in the Fellowship of Hope Program. The salary and bene-
7 fits of an employee of a designated country or designated
8 entity participating in the Program shall be paid by such
9 country or entity during the period in which such employee
10 is participating in the Program.

11 “(c) In this section:

12 “(1) The term ‘designated country’ means a
13 member country of—

14 “(A) the North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-
15 tion; or

16 “(B) the European Union.

17 “(2) The term ‘designated entity’ means—

18 “(A) the North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-
19 tion; or

20 “(B) the European Union.

21 “(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to—

22 “(1) authorize the appointment as an officer or
23 employee of the United States of—

24 “(A) an individual whose allegiance is to
25 any country, government, or foreign or inter-

1 national entity other than to the United States;
2 or

3 “(B) an individual who has not met the re-
4 quirements of sections 3331, 3332, 3333, and
5 7311 of title 5, United States Code, and any
6 other provision of law concerning eligibility for
7 appointment as, and continuation of employ-
8 ment as, an officer or employee of the United
9 States; or

10 “(2) authorize the Secretary to assign a mem-
11 ber of the Service to a position with any foreign
12 country whose law, or to any foreign or international
13 entity whose rules, require such member to give alle-
14 giance or loyalty to such country or entity while as-
15 signed to such position.”.

16 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—
17 Such Act is amended—

18 (1) in section 503 (22 U.S.C. 3983)—

19 (A) in the section heading, by striking
20 “AND” and inserting “**FOREIGN GOVERN-**
21 **MENTS, OR**”; and

22 (B) in subsection (a)—

23 (i) in the matter preceding paragraph
24 (1), by inserting “foreign government,”
25 after “organization,”; and

1 (ii) in paragraph (1), by inserting “,
 2 or with a foreign government under section
 3 506” before the semicolon; and
 4 (2) in section 2, in the table of contents—
 5 (A) by striking the item relating to section
 6 503 and inserting the following new item:

“Sec. 503. Assignments to agencies, international organizations, foreign govern-
 ments, or other bodies.”

7 ; and

8 (B) by inserting after the item relating to
 9 section 505 the following new item:

“Sec. 506. Fellowship of Hope Program.”.

10 **SEC. 307. REGULATIONS REGARDING RETIREMENT CREDIT**
 11 **FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE PERFORMED**
 12 **ABROAD.**

13 Section 321(f) of the Foreign Relations Authorization
 14 Act, Fiscal Year 2003 (5 U.S.C. 8411 note; Public Law
 15 107–228) is amended by inserting “, not later than 60
 16 days after the date of the enactment of the Foreign Rela-
 17 tions Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007,”
 18 after “regulations”.

19 **SEC. 308. SUSPENSION OF FOREIGN SERVICE MEMBERS**
 20 **WITHOUT PAY.**

21 (a) SUSPENSION.—Section 610 of the Foreign Serv-
 22 ice Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4010) is amended by adding
 23 at the end the following new subsection:

1 “(c)(1) The Secretary may suspend a member of the
2 Service without pay when there is reasonable cause to be-
3 lieve that the member has committed a crime for which
4 a sentence of imprisonment may be imposed and there is
5 a connection between the conduct and the efficiency of the
6 Foreign Service.

7 “(2) Any member of the Service for whom a suspen-
8 sion is proposed shall be entitled to—

9 “(A) written notice stating the specific reasons
10 for the proposed suspension;

11 “(B) a reasonable time to respond orally and in
12 writing to the proposed suspension;

13 “(C) representation by an attorney or other
14 representative; and

15 “(D) a final written decision, including the spe-
16 cific reasons for such decision, as soon as prac-
17 ticable.

18 “(3) Any member suspended under this section may
19 file a grievance in accordance with the procedures applica-
20 ble to grievances under chapter 11 of this title.

21 “(4) In this subsection:

22 “(A) The term ‘reasonable time’ means—

23 “(i) with respect to a member of the Serv-
24 ice assigned to duty in the United States, 15

1 days after receiving notice of the proposed sus-
2 pension; and

3 “(ii) with respect to a member of the Serv-
4 ice assigned to duty outside the United States,
5 30 days after receiving notice of the proposed
6 suspension.

7 “(B) The terms ‘suspend’ and ‘suspension’
8 mean the placing of a member of the Service in a
9 temporary status without duties and pay.”.

10 (b) CONFORMING AND CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

11 (1) AMENDMENT OF SECTION HEADING.—Such
12 section, as amended by subsection (a), is further
13 amended in the section heading by inserting “; **SUS-**
14 **PENSION**” before the period at the end.

15 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 2 of such
16 Act is amended, in the table of contents, by striking
17 the item relating to section 610 and inserting the
18 following new item:

“Sec. 610. Separation for cause; suspension.”.

19 **SEC. 309. DEATH GRATUITY.**

20 Section 413(a) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980
21 (22 U.S.C. 3973(a)) is amended in the first sentence by
22 inserting before the period at the end the following: “or
23 \$100,000, whichever is greater”.

1 **SEC. 310. CLARIFICATION OF FOREIGN SERVICE GRIEV-**
2 **ANCE BOARD PROCEDURES.**

3 Section 1106(8) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980
4 (22 U.S.C. 4136(8)) is amended in the first sentence—

5 (1) by inserting “the involuntary separation of
6 the grievant (other than an involuntary separation
7 for cause under section 610(a)),” after “consid-
8 ering”; and

9 (2) by striking “the grievant or” and inserting
10 “the grievant, or”.

11 **SEC. 311. REPEAL OF RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT**
12 **FOR MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN**
13 **SERVICE.**

14 Section 305(d) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980
15 (22 U.S.C. 3945(d)) is hereby repealed.

16 **SEC. 312. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 5 PROVI-**
17 **SIONS ON RECRUITMENT, RELOCATION, AND**
18 **RETENTION BONUSES.**

19 Title 5, United States Code, is amended—

20 (1) in section 5753(a)(2)(A), by inserting be-
21 fore the semicolon at the end the following: “, but
22 does not include members of the Foreign Service
23 other than chiefs of mission and ambassadors-at-
24 large”; and

25 (2) in section 5754(a)(2)(A), by inserting be-
26 fore the semicolon at the end the following: “, but

1 does not include members of the Foreign Service
2 other than chiefs of mission and ambassadors-at-
3 large”.

4 **SEC. 313. LIMITED APPOINTMENTS IN THE FOREIGN SERV-**
5 **ICE.**

6 Section 309 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22
7 U.S.C. 3949) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “subsection
9 (b)” and inserting “subsections (b) or (c)”;

10 (2) in subsection (b)—

11 (A) by amending paragraph (3) to read as
12 follows:

13 “(3) as a career candidate, if—

14 “(A) continued service is determined appro-
15 priate to remedy a matter that would be cognizable
16 as a grievance under chapter 11; or

17 “(B) the career candidate is called to military
18 active duty pursuant to the Uniformed Services Em-
19 ployment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994
20 (Public Law 103–353; codified in chapter 43 of title
21 38, United States Code) and the limited appoint-
22 ment expires in the course of such military active
23 duty.”;

24 (B) in paragraph (4), by striking “and” at
25 the end;

1 (C) in paragraph (5) by striking the period
2 at the end and inserting “; and” ; and

3 (D) by adding at the end the following new
4 paragraph:

5 “(6) in exceptional circumstances where the Sec-
6 retary determines the needs of the Service require the ex-
7 tension of a limited appointment—

8 “(A) for a period of time not to exceed 12
9 months, provided such period of time does not per-
10 mit additional review by the boards under section
11 306; or

12 “(B) for the minimum time needed to settle a
13 grievance, claim, or complaint not otherwise pro-
14 vided for in this section.”; and

15 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
16 section:

17 “(c) Noncareer specialist employees who have served
18 five consecutive years under a limited appointment may
19 be reappointed to a subsequent limited appointment pro-
20 vided there is at least a one year break in service before
21 such new appointment. This requirement may be waived
22 by the Director General in cases of special need.”.

23 **SEC. 314. STATEMENT OF CONGRESS.**

24 Congress declares that the recent changes proposed
25 by the Department of State to the career development pro-

1 gram for members of the Senior Foreign Service will help
2 promote well-rounded and effective members of the Senior
3 Foreign Service, and should be implemented as planned
4 in the coming years. Congress fully supports the proposed
5 changes that require that in order to be eligible for pro-
6 motion into the Senior Foreign Service, a member of the
7 Foreign Service must demonstrate over the course of the
8 career of such member the following:

9 (1) Operational effectiveness, including a
10 breadth of experience in several regions and over
11 several functions.

12 (2) Leadership and management effectiveness.

13 (3) Sustained professional language proficiency.

14 (4) Responsiveness to Service needs.

15 **SEC. 315. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING ADDITIONAL**
16 **UNITED STATES CONSULAR POSTS.**

17 It is the sense of the Congress that to help advance
18 United States economic, political, and public diplomacy in-
19 terests, the Secretary of State should make best efforts
20 to establish United States consulates or other appropriate
21 United States diplomatic presence in Pusan, South Korea
22 and Hat Yai, Thailand.

1 **TITLE IV—INTERNATIONAL**
2 **ORGANIZATIONS**

3 **SEC. 401. REDI CENTER.**

4 The Secretary of State is authorized to provide for
5 the participation by the United States in the Regional
6 Emerging Disease Intervention (“REDI”) Center in
7 Singapore.

8 **SEC. 402. EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-**
9 **TION FOR THE UNITED STATES COMMISSION**
10 **ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.**

11 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subsection (a) of section 207 of
12 the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22
13 U.S.C. 6435) is amended by striking “\$3,000,000 for the
14 fiscal year 2003” and inserting “\$3,300,000 for each of
15 fiscal years 2006 through 2011”.

16 (b) **TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.**—Subsection (b) of
17 such section is amended by striking “subparagraph” and
18 inserting “subsection”.

19 **SEC. 403. INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR MIDDLE EASTERN-**
20 **WESTERN DIALOGUE.**

21 Section 633(e) of the Departments of Commerce,
22 Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies
23 Appropriations Act, 2004 (division B of Public Law 108–
24 199; 22 U.S.C. 2078(e)) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “The United States, through the
2 Department of State, shall retain ownership of the
3 Palazzo Corpi building in Istanbul, Turkey, and the”
4 and inserting “The”; and

5 (2) by striking “at such location” and inserting
6 “at an appropriate location”.

7 **TITLE V—CHANGES IN ADMINIS-**
8 **TRATIVE AUTHORITIES FOR**
9 **INTERNATIONAL BROAD-**
10 **CASTING**

11 **SEC. 501. SHORT TITLE.**

12 This title may be cited as the “International Broad-
13 casting Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007”.

14 **SEC. 502. MIDDLE EAST BROADCASTING NETWORKS.**

15 (a) MIDDLE EAST BROADCASTING NETWORKS.—The
16 United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994 (22
17 U.S.C. 6201 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section
18 309 (22 U.S.C. 6208) the following new section:

19 **“SEC. 309A. MIDDLE EAST BROADCASTING NETWORKS.**

20 “(a) AUTHORITY.—Grants authorized under section
21 305 shall be available to make annual grants to the Middle
22 East Broadcasting Networks for the purpose of carrying
23 out radio and television broadcasting to the Middle East
24 region.

1 “(b) FUNCTION.—Middle East Broadcasting Net-
2 works shall provide radio and television programming con-
3 sistent with the broadcasting standards and broadcasting
4 principles set forth in section 303.

5 “(c) GRANT AGREEMENT.—Any grant agreement or
6 grants under this section shall be subject to the following
7 limitations and restrictions:

8 “(1) The Board may not make any grant to the
9 non-profit corporation, Middle East Broadcasting
10 Networks, unless its certificate of incorporation pro-
11 vides that—

12 “(A) The Board of Directors of Middle
13 East Broadcasting Networks shall consist of the
14 members of the Broadcasting Board of Gov-
15 ernors established under section 304 and of no
16 other members.

17 “(B) Such Board of Directors shall make
18 all major policy determinations governing the
19 operation of Middle East Broadcasting Net-
20 works, and shall appoint and fix the compensa-
21 tion of such managerial officers and employees
22 of Middle East Broadcasting Networks as it
23 considers necessary to carry out the purposes of
24 the grant provided under this title, except that
25 no officer or employee may be paid basic com-

1 pensation at a rate in excess of the rate for
2 level II of the Executive Schedule as provided
3 under section 5313 of title 5, United States
4 Code.

5 “(2) Any grant agreement under this section
6 shall require that any contract entered into by Mid-
7 dle East Broadcasting Networks shall specify that
8 all obligations are assumed by Middle East Broad-
9 casting Networks and not by the United States Gov-
10 ernment.

11 “(3) Any grant agreement shall require that
12 any lease agreement entered into by Middle East
13 Broadcasting Networks shall be, to the maximum
14 extent possible, assignable to the United States Gov-
15 ernment.

16 “(4) Grants awarded under this section shall be
17 made pursuant to a grant agreement which requires
18 that grant funds be used only for activities con-
19 sistent with this section, and that failure to comply
20 with such requirements shall permit the grant to be
21 terminated without fiscal obligation to the United
22 States.

23 “(5) Duplication of language services and tech-
24 nical operations between the Middle East Broad-
25 casting Networks (including Radio Sawa), RFE/RL,

1 and the International Broadcasting Bureau will be
2 reduced to the extent appropriate, as determined by
3 the Board.

4 “(d) NOT A FEDERAL AGENCY OR INSTRUMEN-
5 TILITY.—Nothing in this title may be construed to
6 make—

7 “(1) the Middle East Broadcasting Networks a
8 Federal agency or instrumentality; or

9 “(2) the officers or employees of the Middle
10 East Broadcasting Networks officers or employees of
11 the United States Government.”.

12 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—
13 Such Act is further amended—

14 (1) in section 304(g) (22 U.S.C. 6203(g)), by
15 inserting “, the Middle East Broadcasting Net-
16 works,” after “Incorporated”;

17 (2) in section 305 (22 U.S.C. 6204)—

18 (A) in subsection (a)—

19 (i) in paragraph (5), by striking “308
20 and 309” and inserting “308, 309, and
21 309A”; and

22 (ii) in paragraph (6), by striking “308
23 and 309” and inserting “308, 309, and
24 309A”; and

1 (B) in subsection (e), by striking “308 and
2 309” and inserting “308, 309, and 309A”; and
3 (3) in section 307 (22 U.S.C. 6206)—

4 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “308 and
5 309” and inserting “308, 309, and 309A”; and

6 (B) in subsection (e), in the second sen-
7 tence, by inserting “, the Middle East Broad-
8 casting Networks,” after “Asia”.

9 (c) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO
10 TITLE 5.—Section 8332(b)(11) of title 5, United States
11 Code, is amended by inserting “the Middle East Broad-
12 casting Networks;” after “Radio Free Asia;”.

13 **SEC. 503. IMPROVING SIGNAL DELIVERY TO CUBA.**

14 Section 3 of the Radio Broadcasting to Cuba Act (22
15 U.S.C. 1465a; Public Law 98–111) is amended—

16 (1) by striking subsection (b);

17 (2) by striking subsection (e) and inserting the
18 following new subsection:

19 “(c) To effect radio broadcasting to Cuba, the Board
20 is authorized to utilize the United States International
21 Broadcasting facilities located in Marathon, Florida, and
22 the 1180 AM frequency used at those facilities. In addi-
23 tion to the above facilities, the Board may simultaneously
24 utilize other governmental and nongovernmental broad-
25 casting transmission facilities and other frequencies, in-

1 cluding the Amplitude Modulation (AM) band, the Fre-
2 quency Modulation (FM) band, and the Shortwave (SW)
3 band. The Board may lease time on commercial or non-
4 commercial educational AM band, FM band, and SW band
5 radio broadcasting stations to carry a portion of the serv-
6 ice programs or to rebroadcast service programs.”;

7 (3) by striking subsection (d);

8 (4) by striking subsection (e) and inserting the
9 following new subsection:

10 “(e) Any service program of United States Govern-
11 ment radio broadcasts to Cuba authorized by this section
12 shall be designated ‘Radio Marti program.’”; and

13 (5) by striking subsection (f).

14 **SEC. 504. ESTABLISHING PERMANENT AUTHORITY FOR**
15 **RADIO FREE ASIA.**

16 Section 309 of the United States International
17 Broadcasting Act of 1994 (22 U.S.C. 6208) is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (c)(2), by striking “, and shall
19 further specify that funds to carry out the activities
20 of Radio Free Asia may not be available after Sep-
21 tember 30, 2009”; and

22 (2) by striking subsection (f).

1 **SEC. 505. PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACTING PROGRAM.**

2 Section 504 of the Foreign Relations Authorization
3 Act, Fiscal Year 2003 (Public Law 107–228) is amend-
4 ed—

5 (1) in the section heading, by striking
6 “**PILOT**”;

7 (2) in subsection (a)—

8 (A) by striking “pilot”;

9 (B) by striking “(in this section referred to
10 as the ‘program’)”; and

11 (C) by striking “producers, and writers”
12 and inserting “and other broadcasting special-
13 ists”;

14 (3) in subsection (b)(4), by striking “60” and
15 inserting “100”; and

16 (4) by striking subsection (c).

17 **SEC. 506. COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA**
18 **ISLANDS EDUCATION BENEFITS.**

19 Section 305(a) of the United States International
20 Broadcasting Act of 1994 (22 U.S.C. 6204(a)) is amended
21 by inserting after paragraph (18) the following new para-
22 graph:

23 “(19)(A) To provide for the payment of pri-
24 mary and secondary school expenses for dependents
25 of personnel stationed in the Commonwealth of the
26 Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) at a cost not to

1 exceed expenses authorized by the Department of
2 Defense for such schooling for dependents of mem-
3 bers of the Armed Forces stationed in the Common-
4 wealth, if the Board determines that schools avail-
5 able in the Commonwealth are unable to provide
6 adequately for the education of the dependents of
7 such personnel.

8 “(B) To provide transportation for dependents
9 of such personnel between their places of residence
10 and those schools for which expenses are provided
11 under subparagraph (A), if the Board determines
12 that such schools are not accessible by public means
13 of transportation.”.

14 **TITLE VI—MISCELLANEOUS**
15 **PROVISIONS AND REPORTING**
16 **REQUIREMENTS**

17 **SEC. 601. STATEMENT OF POLICY RELATING TO DEMOC-**
18 **RACY IN IRAN.**

19 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

20 (1) Iran is neither free nor democratic. Men
21 and women are not treated equally in Iran, women
22 are legally deprived of internationally recognized
23 human rights, and religious freedom is not respected
24 under the laws of Iran. Undemocratic institutions,

1 such as the Guardians Council, thwart the decisions
2 of elected leaders.

3 (2) The April 2005 report of the Department of
4 State states that Iran remained the most active
5 state sponsor of terrorism in 2004.

6 (3) That report also states that Iran continues
7 to provide funding, safe-haven, training, and weap-
8 ons to known terrorist groups, including Hizballah,
9 Hamas, the Palestine Islamic Jihad, al-Aqsa Mar-
10 tyrs Brigade, and the Popular Front for the Libera-
11 tion of Palestine, and has harbored senior members
12 of al-Qaeda.

13 (b) POLICY.—It is the policy of the United States
14 that—

15 (1) currently, there is not a free and fully
16 democratic government in Iran;

17 (2) the United States supports transparent, full
18 democracy in Iran;

19 (3) the United States supports the rights of the
20 Iranian people to choose their system of government;
21 and

22 (4) the United States condemns the brutal
23 treatment, imprisonment, and torture of Iranian ci-
24 vilians who express political dissent.

1 **SEC. 602. DUAL GATEWAY POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT**
2 **OF IRELAND.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of State shall re-
4 view the dual gateway policy and determine the effects the
5 discontinuation of such policy might have on the economy
6 of the United States and the economy of western Ireland
7 before the United States takes any action that could lead
8 to the discontinuation of such policy.

9 (b) **ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY.**—In determining the
10 effects that the discontinuation of such policy might have
11 on the economy of the United States, the Secretary, in
12 consultation with the heads of other appropriate depart-
13 ments and agencies, shall consider the effects the dis-
14 continuation of such policy might have on United States
15 businesses operating in western Ireland, Irish businesses
16 operating in and around Shannon Airport, and United
17 States air carriers serving Ireland.

18 (c) **REPORT.**—Not later than 180 days after the date
19 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
20 to Congress a report describing the determinations made
21 under subsection (a), together with any recommendations
22 for United States action.

23 (d) **DEFINITION.**—In this section, the term “dual
24 gateway policy” means the policy of the Government of
25 Ireland requiring certain air carriers serving Dublin Air-

1 port to undertake an equal numbers of flights to Shannon
2 Airport and Dublin Airport during each calendar year.

3 **SEC. 603. TRANS-SAHARA COUNTER-TERRORISM INITIA-**
4 **TIVE.**

5 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
6 gress that efforts by the Government of the United States
7 to expand the Pan Sahel Initiative into a robust counter-
8 terrorism program in the Saharan region of Africa, to be
9 known as the “Trans-Sahara Counter Terrorism Initia-
10 tive”, should be strongly supported.

11 (b) REPORT.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days
13 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
14 retary of State shall submit to the appropriate con-
15 gressional committees a detailed strategy, in classi-
16 fied form, regarding the plan of the Government of
17 the United States to expand the Pan Sahel Initiative
18 into a robust counter-terrorism program in the Sa-
19 haran region of Africa, to be known as the “Trans-
20 Sahara Counter Terrorism Initiative”.

21 (2) CONTENTS.— The report shall include the
22 following:

23 (A) The names of the countries that will
24 participate in the Initiative.

1 (B) A description of the types of security
2 assistance necessary to create rapid reaction se-
3 curity forces in order to bolster the capacity of
4 the countries referred to in subparagraph (A) to
5 govern their borders.

6 (C) A description of training to ensure re-
7 spect for human rights and civilian authority by
8 rapid reaction security forces referred to in sub-
9 paragraph (B) and other appropriate individ-
10 uals and entities of the countries referred to in
11 subparagraph (A).

12 (D) A description of the types of public di-
13 plomacy and related assistance that will be pro-
14 vided to promote development and counter rad-
15 ical Islamist elements that may be gaining a
16 foothold in the region.

17 (3) UPDATE.—The Secretary shall submit to
18 the appropriate congressional committees an update
19 of the report required by this subsection not later
20 than one year after the date of the initial submission
21 of the report under this subsection.

22 (c) COOPERATION OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND
23 AGENCIES.—The head of each appropriate department
24 and agency of the Government of the United States shall
25 cooperate fully with, and assist in the implementation of,

1 the strategy described in subsection (b)(1) and shall make
2 such resources and information available as is necessary
3 to ensure the success of the Initiative described in such
4 subsection.

5 **SEC. 604. REPORT ON HAITI.**

6 Not later than one year after the date of the enact-
7 ment of this Act and one year thereafter, the Secretary
8 of State shall submit to the appropriate congressional
9 committees a report on United States efforts to—

10 (1) assist in the disarmament of illegally armed
11 forces in Haiti, including through a program of gun
12 exchanges;

13 (2) assist in the reform of the Haitian National
14 Police; and

15 (3) support stabilization in Haiti.

16 **SEC. 605. REPORTS ON ACQUISITION AND MAJOR SECU-**
17 **RITY UPGRADES.**

18 Section 605(c) of the Secure Embassy Construction
19 and Counterterrorism Act of 1999 (title VI of the Admiral
20 James W. Nance and Meg Donovan Foreign Relations Au-
21 thorization Act, Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001; Public Law
22 106–113–Appendix G) is amended—

23 (1) in the heading, by striking “SEMIANNUAL
24 REPORTS” and inserting “REPORTS”;

1 (2) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by
2 striking “June 1 and”; and

3 (3) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “two fiscal
4 quarters” and inserting “year”.

5 **SEC. 606. REPORT ON REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.**

6 Section 12 of the Foreign Service Buildings Act,
7 1926 (22 U.S.C. 303) is hereby repealed.

8 **SEC. 607. VERIFICATION REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

9 Section 403(a) of the Arms Control and Disar-
10 mament Act (22 U.S.C. 2593a(a)) is amended in the mat-
11 ter preceding paragraph (1)—

12 (1) by striking “prepared by the Secretary of
13 State with the concurrence of the Director of Cen-
14 tral Intelligence and in consultation with the Sec-
15 retary of Defense, the Secretary of Energy, and the
16 Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff,”; and

17 (2) by inserting “, as the President considers
18 appropriate” after “include”.

19 **SEC. 608. REPORTS ON PROTECTION OF REFUGEES FROM**
20 **NORTH KOREA.**

21 Section 305(a) of the North Korean Human Rights
22 Act of 2004 (Public Law 108–333; 22 U.S.C. 7845) is
23 amended—

24 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “and” at the
25 end;

1 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking the period at
2 the end and inserting “; and”; and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following new
4 paragraph:

5 “(3) a detailed description of the measures un-
6 dertaken by the Secretary of State to carry out sec-
7 tion 303, including country-specific information with
8 respect to United States efforts to secure the co-
9 operation and permission of the governments of
10 countries in East and Southeast Asia to facilitate
11 United States processing of North Koreans seeking
12 protection as refugees. The information required by
13 this paragraph may be provided in a classified for-
14 mat, if necessary.”.

15 **SEC. 609. REPORTS ON ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE UNITED**
16 **STATES TO ENCOURAGE RESPECT FOR**
17 **HUMAN RIGHTS.**

18 Section 665(c) of the Foreign Relations Authoriza-
19 tion Act, Fiscal Year 2003 (Public Law 107–228) is
20 amended by striking “30 days” and inserting “90 days”.

21 **SEC. 610. REPORT ON SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH AU-**
22 **TISM AT OVERSEAS MISSIONS.**

23 (a) **STUDY.**—With respect to countries in which there
24 is at least one mission of the United States, the Secretary
25 of State shall conduct a study of the availability of pro-

1 grams that address the special needs of children with au-
2 tism, including the availability of speech therapists and
3 pediatric occupational therapists at Department of De-
4 fense sponsored schools. Such study shall include the esti-
5 mated incidence of autism among dependents of members
6 of the Foreign Service and dependents of specialist For-
7 eign Service personnel. Such study shall also include an
8 analysis of the possibility of establishing “Educational
9 Centers of Excellence” for such children.

10 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after the com-
11 pletion of the study required under subsection (a), the Sec-
12 retary shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-
13 mittees a report containing the findings of the study to-
14 gether with any recommendations for related action.

15 **SEC. 611. REPORT ON INTERNET JAMMING.**

16 Not later than March 1 of the year following the date
17 of the enactment of this Act and one year thereafter, the
18 Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors shall
19 submit to the appropriate congressional committees a re-
20 port on the status of state-sponsored and state-directed
21 Internet jamming by repressive foreign governments and
22 a description of efforts by the United States to counter
23 such jamming. Each report shall list the countries the gov-
24 ernments of which pursue Internet censorship or jamming,
25 provide information concerning the government agencies

1 or quasi-governmental organizations of such governments
2 that engage in Internet jamming; and describe with the
3 greatest particularity practicable the technological means
4 by which such jamming is accomplished. If the Chairman
5 determines that such is appropriate, the Chairman may
6 submit such report together with a classified annex.

7 **SEC. 612. REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OF STATE EMPLOY-**
8 **MENT COMPOSITION.**

9 (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—In order for the De-
10 partment of State to accurately represent all people in the
11 United States, the Department must accurately reflect the
12 diversity of the United States.

13 (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
14 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall
15 submit to the appropriate congressional committees a re-
16 port containing information on—

17 (1) the number of racial and ethnic minorities
18 and the number of women employed at the Depart-
19 ment of State, including the percentages of each
20 such racial or ethnic minority and the percentage of
21 women in comparison with all employees of the De-
22 partment, as of the first day of the first fiscal year
23 after such date; and

24 (2) the number of racial and ethnic minorities
25 and the number of women recruited for employment

1 at the Department, including the percentages of
2 each such racial or ethnic minority and the percent-
3 age of women in comparison with all individuals re-
4 cruited for such employment, during the immediately
5 preceding fiscal year.

6 **SEC. 613. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING KOREAN FUL-**
7 **BRIGHT PROGRAMS.**

8 It is the sense of Congress that Fulbright program
9 activities for the Republic of Korea (commonly referred
10 to as “South Korea”) should—

11 (1) include participation by students from
12 throughout South Korea, including proportional rep-
13 resentation from areas outside of Seoul;

14 (2) attempt to include Korean students from a
15 broad range of educational institutions, including
16 schools other than elite universities;

17 (3) broaden the Korean student emphasis be-
18 yond degree-seeking graduate students to include op-
19 portunities for one-year nondegree study at United
20 States colleges and universities by pre-doctoral Ko-
21 rean students; and

22 (4) include a significant number of Korean stu-
23 dents planning to work or practice in areas other
24 than advanced research and university teaching,

1 which may, in any manner, serve to commemorate or be
2 construed as serving to commemorate leaders of Imperial
3 Japan who were connected to the attack on the United
4 States Fleet at Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Hawaii, on December
5 7, 1941.

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