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To pursue a policy of weighted voting with respect to the budgets of the
United Nations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HYDE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on International Relations

A BILL

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budgets of the United Nations.

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 “United Nations Budget
5 Reform Act of 2006”.

6 **SEC. 2. POLICY WITH RESPECT TO WEIGHTED VOTING.**

7 It shall be the policy of the United States to use its
8 voice, vote, and influence at the United Nations to actively
9 pursue the adoption by the General Assembly of formal
10 procedures for the use of weighted voting in the General

1 Assembly with respect to the adoption of regularly as-
2 sessed budgets for biennial periods. In accordance with
3 such procedures, the proportionate value of a Member
4 State's vote shall be equal to such Member State's as-
5 sessed contribution to the budget under consideration.

6 **SEC. 3. CONSENSUS VOTING.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Until the adoption of procedures
8 for the use of weighted voting in accordance with section
9 (2), it shall be the policy of the United States to use its
10 voice, vote, and influence at the United Nations to actively
11 pursue the adoption by the United Nations of formal pro-
12 cedures that prohibit the passage of a regularly assessed
13 budget for a biennial period without first obtaining the
14 unanimous consent of all Member States concerning such
15 budget.

16 (b) PENALTY FOR VIOLATION.—If at any time after
17 the date of the enactment of this Act the United Nations
18 adopts a regularly assessed budget for a biennial period
19 without first obtaining unanimous consent concerning
20 such budget by all Member States in accordance with sub-
21 section (a), thereby adopting such budget over an objec-
22 tion by the United States or any other Member State, the
23 United States shall appropriate, but withhold from ex-
24 penditure, 25 percent of the contributions of the United
25 States to such budget. The penalty described in this sub-

1 section shall not apply if such budget is adopted in accord-
2 ance with a system of weighted voting described in section
3 2.

4 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Contributions appropriated
6 but withheld from expenditure under subsection (b)
7 are authorized to remain available until the earlier
8 of—

9 (A) such time as the Secretary of State
10 submits to the Committee on International Re-
11 lations of the House of Representatives and the
12 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate
13 a certification that the United Nations is in
14 compliance with the requirements of this Act,
15 or

16 (B) the date that is five years after the
17 date on which such funds are withheld.

18 (2) RELEASE OF FUNDS.—If the Secretary sub-
19 mits to the committees specified in paragraph (1)(A)
20 the certification referred to in such paragraph before
21 the date referred to in paragraph (1)(B), the United
22 States shall transfer to the United Nations contribu-
23 tions appropriated but withheld from expenditure
24 under subsection (b).

1 (3) REVERSION TO UNITED STATES.—If the
2 Secretary does not submit to the committees speci-
3 fied in paragraph (1)(A) the certification referred to
4 in such paragraph before the date referred to in
5 paragraph (1)(B), contributions appropriated but
6 withheld from expenditure under subsection (b) shall
7 revert to the United States.

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