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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to the treatment of effectively connected investment income of insurance companies.

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Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, and Mr. CAMP) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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. FOREIGN COMPANIES CARRYING ON INSUR-**
4 **ANCE BUSINESS OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE**
5 **CODE OF 1986.**

6 (a) TREATMENT OF EFFECTIVELY CONNECTED NET
7 INVESTMENT INCOME OF INSURANCE COMPANIES.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (b) of section
9 842 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amend-
10 ed by redesignating paragraphs (2), (3), (4), and (5)

1 as paragraphs (6), (7), (8), and (9), respectively,
2 and by striking out paragraph (1) and inserting the
3 following new paragraphs:

4 “(1) RECOMPUTATION OF NET INVESTMENT IN-
5 COME.—Each foreign company taxable under part I
6 or II of this subchapter shall recompute its effec-
7 tively connected net investment income for any tax-
8 able year beginning after December 31, 1987 (here-
9 after in this subsection referred to as the ‘recom-
10 puted year’) by making the adjustments specified in
11 paragraph (2) for the second succeeding taxable year
12 (hereafter in the subsection referred to as the ‘ad-
13 justment year’).

14 “(2) ADJUSTMENTS.—

15 “(A) INCREASE WHERE RECOMPUTED
16 AMOUNT GREATER.—If—

17 “(i) the recomputed effectively con-
18 nected net investment income for the re-
19 computed year, exceeds

20 “(ii) the effectively connected net in-
21 vestment income for such year (determined
22 without regard to this subsection),

23 such excess shall increase the effectively con-
24 nected net investment income for the adjust-
25 ment year.

1 “(B) DECREASE WHERE RECOMPUTED
2 AMOUNT LESSER.—If—

3 “(i) the effectively connected net in-
4 vestment income for the recomputed year
5 (determined without regard to this sub-
6 section), exceeds

7 “(ii) the recomputed effectively con-
8 nected net investment income for such
9 year,

10 such excess shall reduce the effectively con-
11 nected net investment income for the adjust-
12 ment year.

13 “(C) INTEREST ON ADJUSTMENTS.—The
14 foreign company shall pay (or be entitled to re-
15 ceive) interest in the amount which would have
16 been computed under chapter 67 on the
17 underpayment or overpayment (as the case may
18 be) which would have resulted if the adjustment
19 under subparagraph (A) or (B) (whichever ap-
20 plies) were made for the recomputed year.

21 “(3) RECOMPUTED EFFECTIVELY CONNECTED
22 NET INVESTMENT INCOME.—For purposes of this
23 subsection, the term ‘recomputed effectively con-
24 nected net investment income’ means the greater
25 of—

1 “(A) the cumulative effectively connected
2 net investment income (determined without re-
3 gard to this subsection) for the recomputed
4 year and all preceding taxable years beginning
5 after December 31, 1987, or

6 “(B) the cumulative minimum effectively
7 connected net investment income for the recom-
8 puted year and such preceding taxable years,
9 reduced by the amount of the cumulative recom-
10 puted effectively connected net investment income
11 determined under this subsection for such preceding
12 taxable years.

13 “(4) MINIMUM EFFECTIVELY CONNECTED NET
14 INVESTMENT INCOME.—For purposes of this sub-
15 section, the term ‘minimum effectively connected net
16 investment income’ means, with respect to any tax-
17 able year, the product of—

18 “(A) the required United States assets of
19 the foreign company, and

20 “(B) the domestic investment yield applica-
21 ble to such company for such taxable year.

22 “(5) EFFECTIVELY CONNECTED NET INVEST-
23 MENT INCOME.—For purposes of this subsection, the
24 term ‘effectively connected net investment income’
25 means the net investment income which is effectively

1 connected with the conduct of an insurance business
2 within the United States.”

3 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

4 (A) Paragraph (7) of section 842(b) of
5 such Code, as redesignated by subsection (a), is
6 amended by striking “paragraph (1)(B)” and
7 inserting “paragraph (4)(B)”.

8 (B) Subparagraph (A) of section 842(b)(8)
9 of such Code, as redesignated by subsection (a),
10 is amended by striking “paragraph (1)(B)” and
11 inserting “paragraph (4)(B)”.

12 (C) Paragraph (3) of section 842(c) of
13 such Code is amended to read as follows:

14 “(3) ADJUSTMENT OF LIMITATION ON DEDUC-
15 TION FOR POLICYHOLDER DIVIDENDS IN THE CASE
16 OF FOREIGN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPA-
17 NIES.—For purposes of section 809, the equity base
18 of any foreign mutual life insurance company as of
19 the close of any adjustment year shall be increased
20 by the excess of—

21 “(A) the required United States assets of
22 the company for the second preceding taxable
23 year (determined under subsection (b)(6)), over

1 “(B) the mean of the assets held in the
2 United States during the second preceding tax-
3 able year.”

4 (D) Paragraph (4) of section 842(c) of
5 such Code is amended to read as follows:

6 “(4) DATA USED IN DETERMINING DOMESTIC
7 ASSET/LIABILITY PERCENTAGES AND DOMESTIC IN-
8 VESTMENT YIELDS.—Each domestic asset/liability
9 percentage, and each domestic investment yield, for
10 any taxable year shall be based on representative tax
11 return data with respect to domestic insurance com-
12 panies for such taxable year (or where such data is
13 unavailable, such representative data as the Sec-
14 retary considers appropriate).”

15 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
16 this section shall apply as if included in the provision of
17 the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987 to which
18 they relate.

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