

103D CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 143

To amend the Board for International Broadcasting Act of 1973 to establish a program for radio broadcasting to the peoples of Asia.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COX introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “Radio Free Asia
5 Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. RADIO BROADCASTING TO ASIA.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Board for International
8 Broadcasting Act of 1973 (22 U.S.C. 2871, et seq.) is
9 amended by adding at the end thereof the following new
10 section:

1 “RADIO BROADCASTING TO ASIA

2 “SEC. 15. Funds made available to RFE/RL, Incor-
3 porated, under this Act may be used for radio broadcast-
4 ing to the peoples of Asia, particularly the people of the
5 People’s Republic of China, Cambodia, Laos, and Viet-
6 nam. Such broadcasts shall be designated ‘Radio Free
7 Asia.’”.

8 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 2(5) of
9 such Act (22 U.S.C. 2871(5)) is amended by inserting
10 “Asia,” after “Eastern Europe,”.

11 **SEC. 3. MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD FOR INTERNATIONAL**
12 **BROADCASTING.**

13 (a) COMPOSITION OF BOARD.—Section 3(b)(1) of the
14 Board for International Broadcasting Act of 1973 (22
15 U.S.C. 2872(b)(1)) is amended—

16 (1) in the first sentence, by striking “ten” and
17 inserting “twelve”;

18 (2) in the second sentence, by striking “nine”
19 and inserting “eleven”; and

20 (3) in the third sentence, by striking “five” and
21 inserting “six”.

22 (b) TERM OF OFFICE OF PRESIDENTIALLY AP-
23 POINTED MEMBERS.—Section 3(b)(3) of such Act (22
24 U.S.C. 2872(b)(3)) is amended by adding at the end
25 thereof the following new sentence: “The term of office

1 of the individuals initially appointed as the two additional
2 voting members of the Board who are provided for by the
3 amendments made by section 3(a) of the Radio Free Asia
4 Act of 1993 shall be two or three years (as designated
5 by the President at the time of their appointment).”.

6 **SEC. 4. ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-**
7 **TIONS.**

8 Section 8 of the Board for International Broadcast-
9 ing Act of 1973 (22 U.S.C. 2877) is amended by adding
10 at the end thereof the following new subsection:

11 “(d) In addition to such amounts as are authorized
12 to be appropriated by subsection (a), there are authorized
13 to be appropriated \$10,000,000 to carry out section 15
14 of this Act for fiscal year 1994.”.

15 **SEC. 5. REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

16 (a) REPORT REGARDING GEOGRAPHIC EXPANSION
17 OF BROADCASTS.—Not later than 180 days after the ef-
18 fective date of this Act, the Board for International
19 Broadcasting shall prepare and submit to the Congress
20 a report concerning the desirability of the geographic ex-
21 pansion of broadcasts funded through the Board, particu-
22 larly to the peoples of Africa, the Middle East, and North
23 Korea.

24 (b) REPORT REGARDING BROADCASTING TO ASIA.—
25 (1) Not later than 180 days after the effective date of

1 this Act, the Board for International Broadcasting shall
2 prepare and submit to the Congress a comprehensive re-
3 port concerning implementation of section 15 of the Board
4 for International Broadcasting Act of 1973 (relating to
5 radio broadcasting to Asia).

6 (2) In preparing such report, the Board for Inter-
7 national Broadcasting—

8 (A) shall consider the feasibility of constructing
9 a Radio Free Asia transmitting facility in any State,
10 territory, or possession of the United States, or state
11 in free association with the United States, located in
12 the Pacific Ocean;

13 (B) shall take into account the environmental
14 impact of such potential site; and

15 (C) shall include a discussion of the consider-
16 ations under subparagraphs (A) and (B) in such re-
17 port.

18 **SEC. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

19 This Act, and the amendments made by this Act,
20 shall take effect on October 1, 1993.

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