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To provide for increased United States assistance to improve the health of women and children in developing countries.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 29, 1993

Mr. McDERMOTT (for himself, Mr. EMERSON, Mr. MFUME, Mrs. MORELLA, and Ms. McKINNEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To provide for increased United States assistance to improve the health of women and children in developing countries.

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 “International Woman
5 and Child Health Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMS FOR DEVELOPING**
7 **COUNTRIES.**

8 For each of the fiscal years 1994 through 1996, Unit-
9 ed States contributions to international organizations
10 (such as the United Nations Children’s Fund and the

1 World Health Organization) and nongovernmental organi-
2 zations for programs to immunize people in high-mortality
3 countries for diseases such as measles and polio, shall be
4 at least \$100,000,000 greater than the amount of such
5 contributions for fiscal year 1993.

6 **SEC. 3. MATERNAL AND CHILD VITAMIN A, IRON, AND**
7 **IODINE PROGRAMS FOR DEVELOPING COUN-**
8 **TRIES.**

9 For each of the fiscal years 1994 through 1996, the
10 United States shall provide—

11 (1) at least \$28,000,000 for vitamin A
12 supplementation and fortification programs, and

13 (2) at least \$22,000,000 for iodine and iron
14 supplementation and fortification programs for preg-
15 nant women,

16 in addition to amounts currently being provided for child
17 survival and maternal health programs under part I of the
18 Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (relating to economic as-
19 sistance programs, including the economic support fund)
20 and under the Agricultural Trade Development and As-
21 sistance of 1954 (relating to food assistance programs).

22 **SEC. 4. HEALTH CARE WORKERS IN DEVELOPING COUN-**
23 **TRIES.**

24 For each of the fiscal years 1994 through 1996, the
25 Agency for International Development shall ensure that

1 at least the equivalent of an additional \$100,000,000
2 (using parallel market exchange rates when those rates
3 differ from official exchange rates) in local currencies
4 made available under foreign assistance programs is used
5 to provide training, compensation, and other support for
6 maternal and child health workers in developing countries,
7 in addition to amounts currently being used for such
8 purpose.

9 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

10 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
11 as may be necessary to carry out the preceding sections
12 of this Act.

13 **SEC. 6. OFFSETTING REDUCTION IN MILITARY ASSISTANCE**
14 **PROGRAMS.**

15 In order to provide funding to carry out the preceding
16 sections of this Act without increasing the overall foreign
17 assistance budget, United States military assistance pro-
18 grams for each of the fiscal years 1994 through 1996 shall
19 be reduced to a level that is at least \$150,000,000 less
20 than the amount requested by the President for such pro-
21 grams for fiscal year 1994.

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