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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. GILMAN, and Mr. MCCOLLUM) introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and 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 “Terrorist Interdiction
5 Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTOMATED VISA LOOKOUT SYSTEM.**

7 Not later than 6 months after the date of the enact-
8 ment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall implement

1 an upgrade of all overseas visa lookout operations to com-
2 puterized systems with automated multiple-name search
3 capabilities.

4 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER.**

5 For the purpose of access to the National Crime In-
6 formation Center and other Federal Bureau of Investiga-
7 tion criminal records, with respect to functions involving
8 the processing of visas and passports and for other immi-
9 gration-related purposes the Department of State shall be
10 considered a law enforcement agency.

11 **SEC. 4. MEMBERSHIP IN A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION AS A**
12 **BASIS FOR EXCLUSION FROM THE UNITED**
13 **STATES UNDER THE IMMIGRATION AND NA-**
14 **TIONALITY ACT.**

15 Section 212(a)(3)(B) of the Immigration and Nation-
16 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(3)(B)) is amended—

17 (1) in clause (i)(II) by inserting “or” at the
18 end;

19 (2) by adding after clause (i)(II) the following:

20 “(III) is a member of an organization
21 that engages in terrorist activity or who
22 actively supports or advocates terrorist ac-
23 tivity,”;

24 (3) by adding after clause (iii) the following:

1 “(iv) TERRORIST ORGANIZATION DE-
2 FINED.—As used in this Act, the term ‘terrorist
3 organization’ means an organization which com-
4 mits terrorist activity as determined by the At-
5 torney General, in consultation with the Sec-
6 retary of State.”.

7 **SEC. 5. PROCESSING OF VISAS FOR ADMISSION TO THE**
8 **UNITED STATES.**

9 (a) VISA LOOKOUT SYSTEM CHECK.—

10 (1) Whenever a United States consular official
11 issues a visa for admission to the United States,
12 that official shall certify, in writing, that a check of
13 the Automated Visa Lookout System, or any other
14 system or list which maintains information about the
15 excludability of aliens under the Immigration and
16 Nationality Act, has been made and that there is no
17 basis under such system for the exclusion of such
18 alien.

19 (2) If a consular official issues a visa to an
20 alien for admission to the United States and the
21 alien was named on the Automated Visa Lookout
22 System as excludable from the United States at the
23 time of the consular officer’s review and issuance of
24 such visa, a notation shall be entered into the per-
25 sonnel file of such consular officer and such infor-

1 mation shall be considered as a serious negative fac-
2 tor in the officer's annual performance evaluation.

3 (b) ACCOUNTABILITY REVIEW BOARD.—In any case
4 where a serious loss of life or property in the United
5 States involves the issuance of a visa to an alien listed
6 on the Automated Visa Lookout System, or any other sys-
7 tem or list which maintains information about the exclud-
8 ability of aliens under the Immigration and Nationality
9 Act, the Secretary of State shall convene an Accountability
10 Review Board under the authority of title III of the Omni-
11 bus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986.

12 **SEC. 6. CONGRESSIONAL REPORT.**

13 The Secretary of State shall submit to the Congress
14 a report for each of the fiscal years 1994 and 1995 which
15 details the number and circumstances of each visa denial
16 due to the amendment made by section 4.

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